The Weather
Today—Rain ending this morning, followed by windy, colder weather, temperature falling to 20 degrees tonight. Yesterday—High, 44; low, 32.
Fuel-oil consumption to date, 33 per cent of total allotment.

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German Offensive Makes Slight Gains

Iwo Jima Hit By Navy as Superforts Rip Bonins

Tokyo, Yokohama Battered by B-29s; 3 Japanese Vessels Sunk by U. S. Fleet

Pearl Harbor, Dec. 25. (U.P.)—U. S. Pacific Fleet guns ripped Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands Saturday, augmenting 17 straight days of aerial attacks on that Japanese base, it was announced today, and Tokyo reported a 2½-hour air-surface bombardment of the Bonin Islands only 600 miles from Tokyo.

In a surface attack coordinated with Superfortress and Liberator attacks on Iwo Jima, naval guns sank 3 enemy vessels, including a destroyer, and rocked the island's coastal batteries with a great weight of explosives. Despite desultory return fire, the American warships suffered no damage.

Enemy broadcasts said "more than 10" American warships and an unspecified number of planes made a 2½-hour attack on the Bonins Sunday, presumably hitting at Chichi Jima and Haha Jima, the two most important Bonin bases.

Tokyo-Yokohama Area Hit

Tokyo also reported that several Superfortresses, flying singly, attacked the Tokyo-Yokohama area in the early hours Monday, dropping incgendiary bombs, and in addition raided Shizuoka Province to the southwest.

A dispatch by Mac R. Johnson, United Press reported at the Superfortress Twenty-first Bomber Command on Saipan, said hundreds of tons of bombs were dropped on Iwo Jima Sunday.

The naval shelling of the island was the third recent surface blow at Iwo, it having been hit November 19 and December 8.

The warships sunk were a destroyer, escort patrol craft and a medium-sized landing ship.

Plans Return Safely

Forces of Liberators and Lightning fighters bombed and strafed Iwo's airstrip installations and shore defenses, destroyed one enemy plane on the ground and damaging six others.

Only two Japanese fighters attacked the American bombers and only meager anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

All American planes returned safely to their bases. General Harmon's bombers also attacked Chichi Jima in the Bonins, north of the Volcanos, Saturday, while Second Marine aircraft wing fighters attacked installations on Babelthuap, main island in the Palaus, setting fire to several buildings.

Enemy-occupied Marshalls also were attacked the same day by Navy and Marine raiders.

Leyte-Samar Campaign Won After 68 Days

Allied Headquarters, Leyte, Philippines (Tuesday), Dec. 26 (U.P.)—The Leyte-Samar campaign has been closed, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

"General (Tomoyuki) Yamashita has sustained perhaps the greatest defeat in the military annals of the Japanese army," MacArthur declared in announcing the end of the 68-day campaign.

The campaign was closed when the Seventy-seventh Division captured Palompon on the west coast of Leyte, MacArthur said.

Palompon, which fell Monday, was the last major point held by the Japanese on Leyte. It was captured with the help of a surprise amphibious landing in the Japanese rear.

Only minor mopping up of Japanese remnants remains to be done on the island, MacArthur said.

Total Japanese losses in the campaign are 113,221, against 11,217 American casualties.

In the air the enemy lost 2748 planes since the landing on Leyte was made October 20.

Gift Leaves Girl Unable to Close Mouth

Newark, N. J., Dec. 25 (INS).—The splendor of one of her Christmas gifts really impressed 18-year-old Donna Smith.

"Oh-h-h!" she exclaimed as she opened the package.

"Oh-h-h!"

That did it.

She couldn't close her mouth.

A city ambulance was called, and a nurse finally snapped her jaws back into place after working on the girl for 15 minutes.

One-Man Control Asked

House Republicans Renew Appeal for U. S. Food Czar

House Republicans yesterday renewed their suggestion that a food "czar" be appointed with almost unlimited authority over pricing and distribution.

Their recommendation came from Representative Jenkins of Ohio, as he announced renewal of a Republican food study committee named last year.

Jenkins, chairman of the 44-man House group, did not comment specifically on OPA's announcement over the weekend of tighter food rationing, but he said the present food situation was due to failure of the administration to appoint a single man to supervise the handling of food as the committee recommended some time ago.

"A single individual, free from the Administration's whims, could coordinate and regulate all ramifications of the food industry, eliminating many shortages and providing better distribution," he said in an interview.

The proposed food "czar" would have the assistance of experts on wheat, corn, fruit and vegetables.

"No one now has direct control over food," Jenkins declared. "The War Food Administration is subject to veto from other agencies and there is no single person responsible for a coordinated program. We have 10 or 15 men handling production, processing, distribution and rationing, with no single head. With that kind of setup there's bound to be overlapping operations and confusion."

"Right now," he continued, "while the war is on, munitions are first in importance and food is thought of as secondary, but after the war food will be the most important thing," he said.

Present and future problems, he added, will keep the Republican food study committee in operation during the Seventy-ninth Congress and probably will require it to broaden its program. The committee soon may decide, he said, whether to inquire into the cotton and tobacco programs, which it heretofore disregarded.

The United States, he warned, soon may lose its world cotton market because of increased international competition and he said the current cigarette shortage indicated something was wrong in the tobacco industry.

Recapping, Pools Urged

OPA Announces Sharp Slash In Civilian Tires for January

By International News Service

The office of Price Administration announced last night that civilian tire quotas in January will be sharply reduced and called for increased use of recapping and for the formation of more car pools.

OPA Rationing Chief Max McCullough said the January quota of new passenger tires will be only 1,800,000, compared to 2,000,000 in December; that small trucks and buses will be allowed only 216,000 tires next month instead of 280,000, and that the January quota for heavy trucks and buses will be 100,000 instead of 110,000.

Only tractor and other implement tire quotas will remain unchanged in January.

The OPA announcement followed by several days—disclosure by the War Production Board rubber bureau that 1,650,000 fewer passenger tires will be made in the first quarter of 1945 than in the last quarter of 1944. The reduction was made to enable the tire industry to meet a deficit in tires for 2½-ton trucks.

The January civilian quota cut will be felt particularly by heavy bus and truck operators who have piled up a backlog of 100,000 unfilled, high-priority, new tire orders. McCullough explained that military demands for rubber, as in the case of WPB's reduced production order, has made the January quota decrease necessary.

"Certainly no vehicle order today can be unaware of the fact that General Eisenhower has called for more tires to support our invasion forces and has termed tires his number 1 shortage item," McCullough said.

"Yet the War Production Board continues to receive reports, I am advised, that a substantial proportion of the recapping facilities in the country are remaining idle. WPB has allocated an adequate supply of good grade camel back for recapping.

"At the same time, passenger car and commercial vehicle owners are swamping our local War Price and Rationing Board, as well as our emergency truck tire board, with applications for new tires.

"To civilian vehicle operators, I can only say this: We can help you only if you help yourself. The way to help yourself is to have your tires recapped promptly before they are worn beyond the recapping stage. Car pooling as well as recapping is essential."

Until New Year

Taxi Shortage Threatens D. C. In Wake of Gasoline Famine

By Kurt Kelman

Heavily curtailed cab service is in prospect for Washington as an aftermath of one of the worst gasoline shortages ever experienced here, a survey of cab companies revealed yesterday.

The close-down of nearly all service stations over the holiday weekend kept most motorists off the streets, and also a number of cabs unable to refill their tanks at their company depots. Spokesmen for the industry predicted that only a fraction of the regular cab fleet will be in service until the first of the year when new gasoline allotments will be available to the companies.

As frantic individuals in outlying and downtown sections of Washington reported they were unable to get cabs, a Post clerk disclosed that companies were forced to take off a number of their cars because they could not be refueled.

A spokesman for Lincoln Cab, 1801 Florida ave. nw., said the company had enough coupons left but was unable to obtain any gasoline, and, therefore, was not operating its fleet. Other cab company officials, who would not be quoted, said, however, that their cars had simply been forced to use up their allotments for December last week when many private motorists used cab transportation instead of their own cars. They explained they would have to await the January

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No Point in Points

3500 N. Y. Butchers Prepared To Close Down in Ceiling Row

New York, Dec. 25 (AP).—One-third of Manhattan's millions may not be able to buy meat tomorrow—even with red points. Butchers of the New York City area, protesting that OPA retail price ceilings are forcing them out of business, have threatened to close up shop in a "business holiday." It is estimated one-third of the city's 10,000 butcher shops would close.

The dispute arose when retail meat dealers asserted they could not adhere to OPA retail price regulations and remain in business while there was a lack of ceilings on livestock. A series of meetings, the most recent one yesterday, attempted to avert the "holiday" by less direct means, but all have failed.

Regional OPA Administrator Daniel P. Wooley estimated today that if the proposed shutdown proceeded as scheduled, it would close "about 3500" butcher shops.

Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, who had attempted to settle the price ceiling problem in meetings with trade, labor and OPA representatives, said yesterday that the city would use all measures to get the available meat supply to consumers. Meat supplies of shops which closed for the holiday would be redirected to those remaining open, he said.

About 20 per cent of the city's Kosher meat markets were open today. A retail meat dealer representative said that an inadequate meat supply at ceiling prices prevented other Kosher shops from opening.

Mayor LaGuardia said that he would tour wholesale meat markets tomorrow, offering to buy at ceiling prices any meat not purchased by retail dealers, thus making it impossible for wholesalers to withhold meat for sale at above-ceiling prices.

Reds Drive Into Suburbs Of Budapest

Hungarian Capital Within 10 Miles of Encirclement, With Escape Roads Cut

London, Dec. 25 (AP).—The Red army drove to the western city limits of Budapest today, cutting the last railway escape routes westward from the Hungarian capital, which was within 10 miles of complete encirclement.

A Soviet communique announcing these successes also reported a continuing Red army surge westward in southern Czechoslovakia along the Hron (Garam) River in the vicinity of Leva (Levice) in a drive toward Vienna and Bratislava, now less than 98 and 65 miles distant, respectively.

The communique stressed the clamping of the vise on Budapest, however, and announced that in fighting west and southwest of that city December 21-24 the Russians had slain 12,000 Germans and Hungarian soldiers, captured 5468 and destroyed or seized vast quantities of war material. This included 291 tanks, 106 planes and 147 cannon destroyed, plus capture of 154 planes, many in first-class condition; 21 tanks and 101 cannon.

On December 24 alone, 61 German tanks were knocked out southwest of Budapest, the Russians announced.

The Soviet drive brought capture of Piliscsaba, 13 miles northwest of Budapest, through which runs the electric railroad to Vienna. This was the last rail escape route remaining to the Germans.

Doubtful Route Remains

The enemy has remaining a gap of 9.9 miles between Piliscsaba and the Danube River, but this is a roadless tract of wooded hills, and the Russians north of the Danube already are driving westward with a view of cutting even that doubtful pathway.

The western Budapest suburbs which the Soviets announced they had captured along the more than 40 communities west and southwest of the capital were Budakeszi and Budaors. Budakeszi adjoins the city limits of Buda, western half of the City of Budapest.

Northwest of Budapest, Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukraine Army was spreading out along the Hron on both sides of Leva, apparently preparing to storm that last important river barrier before Austria. Seven places were captured in that area, the Russians announced.

Nazis Claim Success

The Germans reported they were bitterly contesting Malinovsky's westward drive through southern Czechoslovakia. In taking Leva, however, the Soviets had seized the junction of railroads from Bratislava and Budapest, as well as control of a main crossing of the Hron.

In the battle of western Latvia, where the Germans reported Russians were attacking for the fourth day in an effort to wipe out 30 Nazi divisions penned against the Baltic coast, Col. Ernst von Hammer, German commentator, said the Germans scored "full defensive success in thwarting every Russian attempt to break through in bitter fighting." Moscow still was silent regarding that northern front.

Germans Advancing

AP photo via Signal Corps radio

IN BELGIAN BREAKTHROUGH—Germans advance across a Belgian road during the Nazi breakthrough to the west. This scene is from a roll of captured German film

Yanks Struggle To Aid Buddies In Bastogne

Relief Units Inspired As Defenders Radio 'Still Holding Out'

By Collie Small

With American Forces in Belgium, Dec. 25 (U.P.)—The message crackled in over the radio: "We're still holding out"—and our relief units forgot their weariness this Christmas Day as they stumbled through the snow in a renewed drive to break through to the rescue of the heroic Yank defenders of Bastogne.

They had been besieged for five days and fought off a score of German attacks supplied only from C-47 transports, but their message had all the confidence of troops on the march. It spoke of "mopping up" enemy tanks and infantry which had broken into the town from the southwest.

Here in the snow-tufted pine forests, American supply trucks await fully loaded the signal to roll into Bastogne with food, ammunition and medical supplies.

The fighting is heavy, but the doughboys are making slow progress against the enemy, who is giving ground grudgingly behind small arms and mortar fire.

Christmas Scene in Flames

In the village of Tintange, 8 miles south of Bastogne, the Americans are advancing street by street against the background of their own artillery rumble and the quickened beat of machine-gun fire.

The countryside closely resembles a Christmas-card scene except that flames and smoke are rising above Tintange and other towns in the path of the battle, and there is the odor of ether as jeeps pass by bringing up the wounded.

The doughboys slept in the snow last night and stumbled out of the

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Anno Domini 1944

V-Bombs Mar 'Silent Night' Of Groping War Christmas

London, Dec. 25 (AP).—This was Christmas, Anno Domini 1944.

A mighty organ filled the vaulting darkness of London's Westminster Cathedral with the throb of "Silent Night" at midnight Mass.

(Eastward an American defense line braced for the next hammer blow of a German army gambling on a knockout punch.)

Bright Christmas trees and lights cheered GI's far from home in Red Cross clubs and canteens.

(An Infantry colonel said, "We just sat up on this hill and mowed them down. The whole valley down there is littered with their dead.")

The lilt of carols, traditional as Yuletide, echoed through deserted street.

(German V-bombs struck northern and southern England. One hit a row of houses. A number of children were killed.)

Santa Claus came for the first time in this war to the Lambeth Walk home of the "Three Little Littles"—Brenda, Bobby and Charles—who were thrice bombed out by the Germans.

(Berlin radio said: "Scientists responsible for the development of German V- weapons have been decorated with the Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross.")

Postal staff worked overtime to distribute gradually diminishing mountains of mail for United States Soldiers overseas.

(At a fighter base in England a tight-lipped commander reported: "Three of our lads are missing.")

It was turkey and fixin's for GI's behind the lines.

(Allied headquarters said "our forces isolated in Bastogne continue to hold out.")

This was Christmas Anno Domini, 1944.

Moscow Expects Early Armistice With Hungary

Moscow, Dec. 25 (AP).—Political observers in Moscow believe an armistice will be effected soon between the Soviet Union and the new provisional government of Hungary formed at Debrecen.

All negotiations between this new government and the Soviet Union are being reported fully to United States and British representatives in Moscow. Representing cobelligerents against Hungary, U. S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman and British Minister John Balfour will sit in on the coming armistice conference.

Two strong military men—Col. Gen. Bela Miklos as Prime Minister and Col. Gen. Jarisc Verese as Foreign Minister—head the new provisional government.

The government is believed moving for the quickest possible armistice, in order to get Hungarian troops into battle against their former Nazi masters as soon as possible.

Swiss Town Hit Again by Yank Bomber Squadron

London, Dec. 25. (AP).—An American squadron bombed Thayngen, Swiss town on the southwest German border today, an official communique broadcast by the Swiss radio reported. The bombing damaged the German rail station on the frontier, some factories and a number of houses, the communique said, adding that one German was killed and four Swiss were injured.

Thayngen is in the canton of Schaffhausen, for whose bombing by mistake earlier in the war the United States has paid an indemnity.

An American four-engined bomber was shot down by Swiss anti-aircraft when an air fleet crossed over Wuerlingen in the Aargau canton, also on the German border, the communique reported. Eight of the crew bailed out, but one was drowned in the Aar River. Two were found dead in the plane. Survivors were interned, the Swiss said.

Rain Dampens Spirits

Scarcity of Taxis and Meals Marks Gloomy Christmas Here

A somber Christmas on a day as gray as the mood that seemed to engulf the city yesterday marked the Capital's fourth wartime Yuletide.

Those who by necessity or choice were downtown quickly learned that for the day meals and taxis were well-nigh unobtainable.

Almost all restaurants closed their doors in the face of manpower problems with employes wanting Christmas off, so that hotel, dining rooms and a handful of less pretentious eating places were filled beyond capacity all afternoon and far into the evening. Taxi drivers, too, made it a holiday; the most-repeated gesture in the city was one of attempting to flag the few cabs that stayed on the streets.

As for food, you could wait almost an hour in line for a table at moderately priced restaurant or you could dine more regally (average, $3.50 for turkey dinner with all the fixings) in hotels, most of which had been taking reservations for several days and could accept no new ones.

"I've been turning them away by the hundreds," sighed one maitre d'hotel wearily. "These vacant tables you see are for reservations within the next hour, but people who see them from the lobby think we should let them in. What a day, what a day!"

Apparently because of the gasoline shortage, many motorists kept their automobiles in garages. Usually busy streets had comparatively little traffic. But more private cars than taxis were in evidence around Union Station, where incoming visitors after long waits filled every cab that ventured into the depot area.

Intermittent light rains and gradually dropping temperatures contributed, too, to the serious mood which kept most of Washington indoors, although uniformed service personnel dotted downtown sidewalks, en route to motion picture theaters or just wandering about to look at the Capital.

Something of the spirit of this fourth Christmas at war could be captured during the hours of twilight-and-after beneath the great rafters of the Church of the Epiphany at 13th and G sts. nw. There was no service at that time but, as always, the doors of the church were open to all comers. Within 10 or 12 people—sometimes more—knelt in prayer, stories of World War II etched in their faces. A Wave wiped her eyes. A little woman in furs bowed her head for long minutes, dropped several bills

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23 Flee Arizona Camp

'Graf Spee Admiral' Hunted With 16 Other Escaped Nazis

By the Associated Press

Twenty-three German war prisoners broke out of Papago Park Camp near Phoenix, Ariz., Sunday afternoon and 17 still are at large, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported last night.

Since the camp is under the Army, the FBI said it could give no details on the break. FBI agents, however, are helping organize an intensive manhunt for those still free, mose of whom are officers.

Those recaptured are three Army enlisted men and three others on whom the FBI here had no identification.

Ranking officer among those still free is Lieut. Col. Jurgen Wattemberg, 43, who, FGI said, is 6 feet 1 inch tall, weighs 165 pounds, has blue eyes, light brown hair, thin prominent nose, receding chin, pleasing personality and speaks excellent English.

Screen for "Big Shots?"

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 25 (AP).—The Phoenix Gazette said today escape of German prisoners of war from the Papago Park camp was being probed today as a possible "smoke screen" to aid two or three reported "big shots" in the Nazi Party and German navy in a carefully planned escape.

The newspaper said false roofs in various buildings at the camp were to be "gassed" to determine if any of the missig prisoners are hiding to await a more favorable time to carry out their plans.

The Gazette learned that members of the group had been given authorities trouble lately, and that tear gas was used Saturday night

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Libramont, 23 Mi. From Sedan, Falls To Enemy

Limited Advance Indicates Line Stabilization; Foe Pounded From Air

Paris, Dec. 2 (AP).—The Germans struck out anew in their winter drive Sunday and seized Libramont, 29 miles northeast of the French gateway city of Sedan, a front dispatch said tonight as Allied air power for the third day heaped havoc on the enemy.

The dispatch reporting Libramont's fall—the Germans neared it several days ago—covered action up to late Sunday morning. Today's front reports said there were signs of line stabilization with no broad enemy movement sighted such as the one which touched off the surprise offensive 10 days ago.

The Germans followed up today with strong tank and troopp atrol thrusts westward which made some gais against doughboy lines blocking the last 15 miles to the Belgian water barrier of the Meuse.

Nazis Admit Withdrawals

(The Berlin radio said U. S. forces in great strength, bolstered by veteran divisions of the Third and Seventh armies, went over to the attacck Sunday on a broad front against the southern flank and had forced some German withdrawals.)

American risoners released by their comrades said their captor officers had told them the offensive's schedule called for arrival in Paris January 17, after which, they will talk peace terms."

While the struggle has been a mauling, bruising one, the enemy has had to pay heavily for his gains.

The titanic battles of the bulges had destroyed at least two enemy divisions—an armored one on the Stavelot sector of the north flank, and an infantry division apparently in the swelling combat on the south flank, front dispatches reported.

Narrows Base of Bulge

Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt lashed back Sunday at southern flanking assaults which had swept to within 6 miles of encircled Basotgne and narrowed the base of the entire Bastogne buige to possibly 27 miles in Belgium and upper Luxembourg.

(The German high command said both sides had thrown fresh forces into the great winter battle, that its troops had won "further successes" and launched a concentric attack on Bastogne.)

A dispatch from Associated Press Correspondent Tom Yarbrough with an armored outfit spearheading the Bastogne relief thrust quoted a staff officer as describing the situation at nightfall Monday as "a bit more promising," and "we are confident about the outcome."

The staff officer asserted that no further broad enemy movements had been reported, although another front dispatch reported strong German pressure at all points of the western tips of the penetration had succeeded in making some gains.

Yarbrough declared the armored outfit was "one of the most famous

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Tokyo Says Subs Take Heavy Toll Off U. S. Coast

London, Dec. 25 (AP).—Japanese submarines "are again operating along the United States Pacific Coast," a Japanese broadcast heard by BBC said today.

The broadcast said submarines were "striking in force" after a two-year period of "behind-the-scenes" supply operations.

The enemy report said four submarines alone, since the return to the offensive, had sunk four aircraft carriers, two destroyers and four transports. There was no Allied confirmation.

Summarizing submarine activity since Pearl arbor, the Japs claimed 15 aircraft carriers, 3 battleships, 5 cruisers, 3 destroyers, 2 submarines and 200 transports, a total of two million tons of shipping, had been "definitely confirmed as sunk."

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Yanks Celebrate

Allies Pray For an Early, Lasting Peace

By the Associated Press

Around the world last night a prayer went up in all Allied nations and on all Allied battlefronts—a prayer for quick victory and enduring peace—on the sixth Christmas day of bloody global warfare.

For Americans, celebrating their fourth Yuletide at war, attention was riveted on the flaming Western front in Europe, where U. S. soldiers were locked in a death struggle with a desperate enemy staging his supreme effort to turn back an Allied tide.

Those Americans abroad who were not occupied with the grim business of fighting marked the holiday in as nearly traditional ways as possible—and some were lucky enough to have real Christmas trees or real Christmas dinners.

King George Optimistic

King George VI of England voiced the prayer of all Allied peoples. In an address from the royal fireside, heard in the United States and the Commonwealth, the monarch expressed the hope that "before the next Christmas the story of liberation and triumph will be complete."

In his most optimistic wartime Christmas message to his people, the British ruler said "the lamps which the Germans put out all over Europe, first in 1914 and then in 1939, are being slowly rekindled," and he added that "we long for a new birth of freedom and order among all nations so that happiness and concord may prevail and the source of war may be banished from our midst."

In like vein, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, sent her people a message of hope and of confidence in speedy liberation, telling them that "the message of Christmas enables us to call a courageous and convincing 'no' to the dark powers that threaten us with destruction."

In another message to the Netherlands people, Prince Bernhard, speaking as commander in chief of the Netherlands armed forces, paid tribute to the valor of his countrymen.

Quiet Observance in London

Pope Pius XII, who Sunday called upon nations of the world to form an organization for lasting peace, attended a Christmas Day distribution of gifts to children of refugees, in the main auditorium of the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

Americans in London, grimly following reports of the great battle in Belgium, joined British friends in what probably was the quietest Christmas celebration on record here.

Hundreds of American airmen in action had their Christmas turkey dinners at noon and celebrations later at bases all over Britain.

Other Americans celebrated North Burma, some Army units built Christmas trees of bamboo; others received real Christmas trees flown in from India by Tenth Air Force planes.

Pageant Features Celebration

In Myitkyina there were 11 church services, attended by Americans, British, Indians, Chinese, Burmese and Kachins. The Red Cross presented a pageant of the birth of Christ. It was staged only a few dozen yards from a statue of Buddha. All Americans in Myitkyina had turkey for dinner.

China's war caital, Chungking, spent its eighth Christmas of the conflict heartened by the failure of the Japanese to make good a boast—the boast that Kunming and Chungking would be theirs by Christmas.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek gave a Chinese-American Christmas luncheon for about 20 guests, including Maj. Gen. Patrick Hurley, President Roosevelt's representative; Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, United States China theater commander, and Maj. Gen. Robert B. McClure, chief of staff of United States forces in China.

Chinese Present Gifts

At a U. S. Fourteenth Air Force base somewhere in China, the Chinese adapted an old custom of their land to the western Christmas. They presented fattened cattle and Chinese delicacies to the American Army establishments there. Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault thanked the townspeople on behalf of the men for 10 steers, 100 bottles of Chinese gin and such gifts.

Except for a prominent report of President Roosevelt's Christmas message to the people of the United States Sunday night, Christmas scarcely was noticed in the Soviet Union.

The Russian Christmas is almost two weeks away and the general celebration takes place then. The British Embassy held an official reception Monday night. The Americans held theirs Sunday night.

Own Planes Kill U. S. Prisoners, Berlin Says

London, Dec. 25 (AP).—A Berlin broadcast today declared U. S. bombers set fire to an American prisoner of war camp on the Lahn River Sunday and that many Americans were killed.

"Direct hits were scored on several barracks, one of which was a hospital for the wounded and sick U. S. prisoners, and all of them were killed," said the broadcast. "Still other American prisoners of war who were just being transferred to the camp from a train, were machine gunned."

Greek Christmas Sees No Letup in Bitter Civil War

BULLETIN

London, Dec. 25 (AP).—A Reuters dispatch from Athens said tonight that Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden had arrived in the Greek capital.

Athens, Dec. 25 (AP).—British Beaufighters blasting left wing ELAS forces' concentrations with rockets and cannon fire today in the northern suburbs of the Greek capital as Christmas Day brought no letup in the bitter fighting in Athens.

Artillery fire also was heard resounding in the central part of the city.

The ELAS forces were reported employing 37-millimeter light antitank guns as field artillery for bombardment of the British perimeter of defenses. But their firing has become less freqent.

nI the square 1000 yards from British headquarters and around the American tillet, heavy mortar and sniper duels raged. Sherman tanks made a series of raids on sniper nests west of the square.

Earlier the British in Athens' port, Piraeus, captured the main refrigerating plant for the capital area after a stiff fight during which the plant was damaged. Meanwhile tank-supported British parachute troops increased their hold on the western sections of central Athens.

Greek Archbishop Damaskinos broadcast a Christmas appeal to Athenians for a cessation of hostilities, and charged Italians with having sown seeds of discord.

Rightists Retreat

(In northwestern Greece, where ELAS troops were battling troops of the Green right wing EDES, the body ripped forces of the later were retreating today toward the coast from the Ioannina area.

High British officers spent hours considering a tentative draft of a British reply to an ELAS ote delivered yesterday. A note which attacked British intervention tn Greece and promised that ELAS troops would lay down their arms when their opponents did likewise and a "government of mutual confidence" was formed. As the British are fighting in support of the government of Premier George Papandreou, unacceptable to the ELAS, there appeared to b little hope of any esarly agreement of cessation of fighting.

BASTAGNE

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gloomy forests at dawn, pushing slowly ahead. Sitting where I am on a hill at the edge of a pine forest, it seems that a score of small battles are swirling through the nearby woods and across the snowy fields.

A few minutes ago, two doughboys made their way slowly through the snow. One limped badly, the other held a shattered arm. Heads bent against the icy wind, they came close while ugly bursts from German 88s made black blotches over their heads.

The boy with a wounded leg stumbled, caught himself and plodded on in as doughboys from the woods rushed out to meet him. Red Rivulets trickled into the hand of the second youth, but both of them shook off assistance, walked unaided to an ambulance and lay down wearily on stretchers. That was their Merry Christmas.

Communion in a Cowshed

A large group gathered inside a cowshed to receive Holy Communion from Catholic Chaplain Capt. Daniel Cadonic, Pittsburgh.

As we left the services, Sergt. Russell E. Turcotte, 25, Worcester, Mass., yelled: "How do you guys like this Christmas turkey." He was displaying a freshly opened box of K-ration.

At noon, 2 Thunderbolts with American markings swept low over our doughboys and as they looked up to wave, their German pilots masquerading as Yanks dropped two 500-pound bombs which, however, exploded harmlessly in a field.

"It really gets you dizzy," said Capt. David A. Levitt, 24, Miami Beach, Fla. "Half the Germans we catch are wearing Armerican Army shoes or gloves or some other part of the uniform.

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into a small box near the door and took her departure.

One sensed the strained atmosphere in the olive drab figures bending over freshly piled stacks of newspapers, reading headlines which meant that other Christmases could find America still at war.

Washingtonians contributed much to the Yuletide pleasure of scores of service personnel. Wards at Walter Reed General Hospital, the Navy Medical Center at Bethesda and other military and veterans' establishments were filled with "Gifts for Yanks Who Gave" contributions sponsored by District American Legion posts and distributed by members of the legion's women's auxiliary. And in homes all over the metropolitan area, men and women in uniform were entertained at Christmas dinner by families whose children were overseas.

100 Homeless Given Dinner

One homless men had a home-cooked dinner at the Gospel Mission, 5th and H st.s nw., with baked ham, mashed potatoes and a choice of pumpkin, mince and apple pie included on the menu. A service for wayfarers at the Mission Chapel was followed by distribution of presents.

Preparing for Battle

AP photo via Signal Corps radio

SHOULDERS TO THE WHEEL—American soldiers in a forward area in the German-Belgian border sector, inside Germany, put an antitank gun into position as they prepare to repel a strong German counter-attack in the United States First Army area

Snow Limits Italy Action To Patrol Stabs

Rome, Dec. 25 (AP).—A heavy Christmas snowfall carpeted the Italian front today, confining activity to probing stabs at enemy positions after heavy German artillery, mortar and machine gun fire throughout the night.

The northward and westward push of the Eighth Army above Highway 9 has whittled the strong, broad enemy salient east of the Senio River from a width of 10 miles to less than five.

Canadian units advanced along the heavily-mined lateral road on the Senio's east bank, rooting the enemy from many fortified buildings in the area of Rossetta, 10 miles northwest of Allied-held Ravenna. They encountered thick German mortar and machinegun fire.

Ten miles to the south, the Eighth Army captured Pieve di Cesato, five miles northeast of Faenza, yesterday, lopping the German bulge from the lateral road all the way to the Naviglio Canal.

Due west of Faenza, Polish patrols slipped across the Senio, inflicted casualties on the enemy, and then withdrew.

The Christmas Eve snow brought relative respite to American Fifth Army troops who had spent the previous day battling off Nazi counterattacks on newly won positions east of Monte Belmonte.

But there were a number of patrol clashes in the Fifth Army sector. Snow sharply curtailed air activity.

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to break up a threatened parade by prisoners.

"Jurgen Wattenberg, 43, a lieuteant colonel who is supposed to be an admiral and to have ben stationed on the Graf Spee, German pocket battle ship scuttled after a battle with the British, was the ringleader in activities of the group," the article said, adding that two or three skillfully camouflaged holes in the iner fence of the stockade were found.

Several linguists are among the escaped Germans and most of them can speak English, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents reported.

Four Italians Recaptured

New York, Dec. 2 (INS).—Four of five Italian prisoners of war who escaped from Fort Dix yesterday weer in FBI custody tonight. Two were arrested while spending Christmas Eve at the home of relatives in Bayonne, N. J.; the third at the home of friends in Brooklyn.

'Underground' Strikes And London Walks

London, ec. 25 (AP).—A Christmas Day strike in London's vast underground railway system seriously crippled the capital's transportation, stranding holiday crowds at main railway stations, and keeping war workers from jobs. Many persons had to walk as much as five miles to reach home or work.

The tube workers had demanded two days holiday at Christmas time.

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10 Die, 17 Hurt As Army Plane Crashes in Pa.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 25. (AP).—Ten soldiers were killed and 17 others aboard an Army C-47 transport were injured when the plane crashed on fog-shrouded Reese's Summit of Roundtop Mountain, 5 miles southeast of here early today.

The Middletown Army Air Service Command, announcing the casualties, said names would not be released until next of kin have been notified.

Fifteen injured men were brought to the Harrisburg General hospital. Hospital officials said, without amplification, that most of the men were suffering from fractures and burns.

Homeward Bound

Men aboard the plane were reported homeward bound on Christmas furloughs.

"I saw at least 8 bodies on the ground," said Fire Chief William Vogelsong, of nearby New Cumberland, one of the first to arrive on the scene of the crash in a heavily wooded section.

Vogelsons said the plane was crumpled against a tree and that a wing and one engine were on fire when he arrived shortly after 5 a. m.

"It was the worst sight I ever saw," he said. "The men were in the plane crying for help and we had to cut our way to them with an ax.

"Part of one wing was on a tree 200 feet from the plane."

Firemen were summoned by Mrs. William Shorter who reported a fire in the woods.

Snow Hinders Rescue

Vogelsong said much of the first rescue work was directed by Tech. Sergt. Charles Riddle of New Cumberland, home on furlough, who had been a member of the fire company.

"He kne wjust what to do because of his experience on a crash crew in North Africa," Vogelsong said.

Firemen got six injured men out of the wreckage Vogelsong said, before military personnel arrived from the New Cumberland Army Reception Center, the Middletown Air Service Command, and the New Cumberland Naval Air facility.

Dr. Walter H. Burgin of New Cumberland worked for two hours at the plane and at the Shorter home treating the injured before arrival of a half-dozen Army ambulances.

Because of the ice and snow on the mountain road, rescuers had to carry the crash victims in stretchers more than a quarter of a mile.

War Bond Prizes In Poultry Show

College Park, Md., Dec. 25 (AP).—War bonds and stamps will be the prizes in both the egg and chick departments of the thirteenth annual Maryland Poultry Products Show in Baltimore January 9-11, Wade H. Rice, secretary of the show and extension poultryman at the University of Maryland, said today.

More than 500 entries of eggs and chicks are expected at the show at which W. D. Termohlen, Washington, chief of the poultry section of the Agriculture Adjustment Agency will speak.

Prof. Carl O. Dossin, Pennsylvani State College, will direct the egg judging while chick judging will be under the direction of Prof. J. C. Taylor New Jersey Collee of Agriculture.

Farmers to Discuss Barn Hay Driers

College Park, Md., Dec. 25 (AP).—The annual meeting of the Maryland Crop Improvement Association in Baltimore January 10 will feature a discussion of barn hay driers by prominent Maryland farmers, John Magruder, acting secretary of the association and extension agronomist at the University of Maryland announced today.

Those participating in this and other discussions at the meetings will include Ray W. Carpenter, agricultural engineer at the University of Maryland; Lloyd Balterton 3d, Cecil County; C. Lease Bussard, Frederick County; C. Spence Dashiell, Queenstown, and Oliver C. Jones, Centerville, both of Queen Anne's County.

Willis L. Cissel, Woodbine, Howard County, is president of the association.

8 Herds on Honor Roll In Prince William Area

Manassas, Va., Dec. 25 (Spl.).—Eight members of the Prince William County Dairy Herd Improvement Association owned herds producing more than 30 pounds of butterfat per cow during the month of December, according to a report released today by Nelson Page French, local supervisor.

C. C. Lynn's herd led the association with an average production of 1140 pounds milk and 38.9 pounds butterfat. The herd of Charles W. Lewis was second with 996 pounds milk and 35.9 pounds butterfat per cow. Wilmer M. Kline's herd was third with an average production of 821 pounds milk and 33.7 pounds butterfat for each cow in the herd.

France Buys 3.1 Billion In 'Liberation' Bonds

Paris, Dec. 25 (AP).—Empire-wide purchases of "National Liberation" bonds totaled 155 billion francs ($3,100,000,000), Finance Minister Rene Pleven told Frenchmen last night in a broadcast.

More than 75 per cent was paid in currency, thus fulfilling the government's objective of reducing excess currency circulation. The balance was paid in older bonds.

Pleven described this response as "magnificent" compared with the 1918 liberation loan, which drew only 33,200,000,000 francs.

Santa Satisfies Request of Army Patients

TRAIN TO PLAY WITH—Patients at the Newton D. Baker General Hospital at Martinsburg, W. Va., have their own train this Christmas season. It is shown above with a group of interested patients, where it has been set up in the Red Cross lounge. Requested by a number of patients, the electric railroad system was donated to the hospital through the Shenandoah Camp and Hospital Council. It draws an intent audience at all times

Mother of Two Found Slain; Husband Held

Baltimore, Dec. 25 (AP).—Mrs. Ruby Berry, 24, was slashed to death yesterday and Police Capt. William E. Murphy reported tonight that her 30-year-old husband, hospitalized for treatment of self-inflicted cuts, had been charged with slaying his wife.

Murphy said that Mrs. Berry, her throat slit and her abdomen slashed, had been found on the floor of her bedroom Sunday morning by the couple's 5-year-old son, Herbert Donald.

John H. Berry, a Bethlehem-Fairfield shipyard worker and former Whitesburg, Ky., coal miner, was lying on the bed, bleeding profusely from a gash across his stomach. A straight edged razor was beside him, Murphy related.

South Baltimore General Hospital authorities said that Berry was expected to recover.

Murphy quoted Miss Genevieve Caudill, 18-year-old sister of Mrs. Berry and housekeeper for the family, as saying she had sent the child to call his parents to breakfast. The boy found his mother's body and his father's unconscious form, she said.

The Berrys had one other son, 7-year-old Glenn Harold.

Berry is the son of Dave Berry of Whitesburg. Mrs. Berry was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Caudill, also of Whitesburg.

E. H. Libbey Funeral Rites Set Today

Funeral services for Edward H. Libbey, 70, former chief clerk and superintendent of the Commerce Department and prominent District Mason, who died Sunday at his home, 15 R st. ne., after a short illness, will be held today at 11 a. m. at the Lee funeral home, 4th and Massachusetts ave. ne. Burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery.

LIBBEY

Mr. Libbey retired in 1942 after 40 years' service.

He moved to Washington from Manchester, N. H., in 1876 and his first job was that of a Western Union messenger in the city in 1888. An expert telegrapher, he became the District operator for the Associated Press.

Mr. Libbey was a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 7, FAAM; past high priest of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 11, RAM; superexcellent master of Adoniram Council, RSM; the Association of Anointed High Priests of the District and the Masonic Veterans' Association. He was also a member of Columbia Commandery, Knights Templar, and Albert Pike Consistory, MRS; and he was past grand monarch and secretary of Kallipolis Grotto, MOVPER, and past grand monarch of the Supreme Council, MOVPER.

Mr. Libbey leaves his widow, Mrs. Edith B. Libbey; two sons, Edward H. and Hadley W. Libbey, and two sisters, Mrs. Mildred Delehanty and Mrs. Ruth G. Farrar, all of the city.

Sigmans to Observe Golden Anniversary

Manassas, Dec. 25 (Spl.).—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goldey Sigman of Manassas will entertain 100 guests on Wednesday from 3 until 7 o'clock in observance of their golden wedding anniversary. The affair will be held at the Sigman home, Kilbourne, on North Main st. The Sigmans, who are former residents of Easton, Pa., have resided in Manassas for more than 20 years.

Mr. Sigman was for a number of years principal of the Allentown Preparatory School in Allentown, Pa., and later instructor of mathematics at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. He was a member of the staff of the Swavely School here until it closed, and is now a member of the faculty of the Occoquan High School. The Sigmans have one son, Maj. Carl Sigman of New York, and a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Allen of Arlington.

Democratic Reorganization On Dues-Paying Basis Asked

By Robert C. Albright

Reorganization of the Democratic Party on a dues-paying, county unit basis was proposed yesterday by House Majority Whip Robert Ramspeck (D., Ga.), chairman of the Democratic speakers' bureau in the last campaign.

Ramspeck said he shortly will submit the plan to Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan. It calls not only for participating membership in county units of the party, but for an educational program, with periodic "forums" to keep members informed.

The Georgian thinks his idea, if adopted, will replenish the party's war chest, perenially in the red, but that this would be only an incidental if welcome by-product.

Seeks Greater Cohesion

What he intends to stress to Hannegan is the need for tighter knit organization from the ground up for the 1946 Congressional and 1948 Presidential campaigns, with dues-paying membership and regular county meetings supplying the nucleus for a rebirth of interest in party affairs.

Ramspeck will suggest a nominal membership fee of five dollars annually, which would be collected by the county organization and later split three ways between the county, State and National organizations. The better half, of say three dollars, would go to the National Committee.

With one million dues-paying members, Ramspeck figures that would yield three milion dollars for the National Committee, solving its recurrent money problems without recourse to "big" contributors. The Hatch Act places a three million dollar top on campaign spending by National political organizations.

Republicans Had Surplus

While the Republican National Committee wound up the campaign with a surplus of about $350,000, the Democratic Committee, as usual, turned up with another deficit, and throughout the last stages of the campaign the winning ticket was harried by money problems.

Ramspeck wants to end the party's money worries once and for all, but he wants even more to revive the sense of participation in party activities that he believes dues-paying membership will bring.

Strategy Recognized

He will suggest monthly Democratic "forums" in every county, attended by active members of the party, and addressed by the party's top men.

The Georgian, who temporarily left his House post during the last campaign to run the speakers' end of the show, is generally given the credit for one of the significant shifts in party strategy that some believe clinched the President's re-election. After foreign policy had been all but sidetracked as an issue, it was Ramspeck who urged Democratic speakers to hit again and again at this issue which he believed to be the one vulnerable chink in Republican armor.

The PAC, politically effective for the first time in the last campaign, uses the dues-paying device to finance its activities, combining this with "educational" features.

Hunt Continues For Missing Girl

Baltimore, Dec. 25 (AP).—A six-day search for 17-year-old Jane N. Hildreth, who disappeared from her mother's home, continued today, the Baltimore police department's missing persons bureau reported.

The bureau quoted Mrs. Elizabeth M. Hildreth as saying her daughter arrived December 15 on Christmas vacation from the Nottingham School for Girls, Northampton, Mass., where she is a senior.

Mrs. Hildreth told the bureau that when she returned home after an absence four days later she found a note addressed to her in her daughter's handwriting which said she would never see the girl again. The girl's father is William Hildreth, president of the People's Bank of Covington, Va.

Lloyd Smith, 61, Dies; Leading Industrialist

Milwaukee, Dec. 25 (AP).—Lloyd Raymond Smith, 61, chairman of the board of the A. O. Smith Corp. and one of the Nation's leading industrialists, died at his home Saturday after suffering a heart attack during the night.

He was largely instrumental in developing the business that bears the family name from a small baby carriage and bicycle plant into a 20-million-dollar corporation that manufactured a good percentage of the Nation's automobile frames and welded piping. During the war the corporation has been engaged primarily in war production.

Smith joined the firm in 1905, became its president in 1913 and chairman of the board in 1936.

SEC Removes Ban On Elastic Trade

Philadelphia, Dec. 25 (AP).—The ban on trading of common stock of the Elastic Stop Nut Corp. of America, Union, N. J., will end December 27, the Securities and Exchange Commission announced.

The action followed the filing of amendments by the company to its August 29 registration statement for listing of the company's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

Md. Auto Kills Mother and Son Near Academy

Reisterstown, Md., Dec. 25 (AP).—An automobile struck and killed Mrs. Martha Jelmar, about 40, a teacher at the Hannomore Academy, and her 17-year-old son, Thomas, early today on the Reisterstown rd. a short distance from the Academy.

Baltimore County Patrolmen Carroll Morningstar and/ Warner Vondersmith said they were informed the mother and son were natives of Austria and had no relatives in this country.

The driver of the car, a resident of Westminster, was charged with manslaughter, the patrolmen said.

Bicyclist, 15, Killed

Baltimore, Dec. 25 (AP).—James J. Jones, 15-year-old Negro youth, was killed by an automobile yesterday when he rode his bicycle in front of the car, city police reported today.

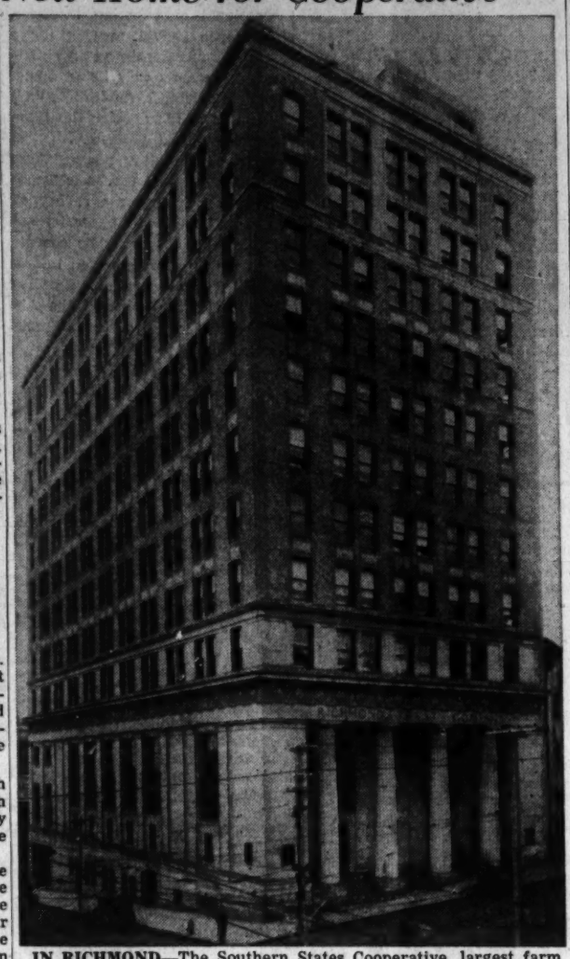
Jewish Soldiers Sacrifice Leaves To Help Buddies

Fort George G. Meade, Md., Dec. 25 (AP).—Many Jewish soldiers at this Maryland Army post volunteered today to give up passes and assume extra duties so that Christian soldiers might celebrate the Christmas holiday.

The arrangements, made through the Fort Meade Council of Jewish Servicemen, were disclosed by Chaplain Simon H. Shoop of the Sixth AGF Regiment.

"During the last three years," the chaplain said, "many Jews in the service sacrificed leaves at the Christmas season to permit their Christian buddies to spend the holiday with their families. In other camps where, because of military restrictions, few leaves were granted, Jewish men volunteered for KP, sentry and guard duty, relieving Christian soldiers."

New Home for Cooperative



IN RICHMOND—The Southern States Cooperative, largest farm organization in the South, has acquired the Richmond Trust Building (above) at a cost of $675,000. After June 1, it will house the cooperative's 200 Richmond employes who are now working at five locations

Insurance Men To Study State Law Revisions

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 25 (AP).—Governor O'Conor announced today appointment of a committee of insurance officials to sutdy the effect of a recent Supereme Court decision that insurance comes under provisions of the Sherman Antitrust Act.

The reviewing group will pay particular attention to the future of State supervision of insurance and the advisability of amending Maryland laws to strengthen State control over companies operating in the Free State the Governor said.

O'Conor explained that State officials and insurance men had been apprehensive, since the announcement of the court decision, that the industry would be taken from State supervision and put under Federal regulation.

Named to the committee were State Insurance Commissioner Lawrence E. Ensor and his deputy, Hazleton A. Joyce.

Other members included President F. D. Laizear of the Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Montgomery County, Sandy Springs.

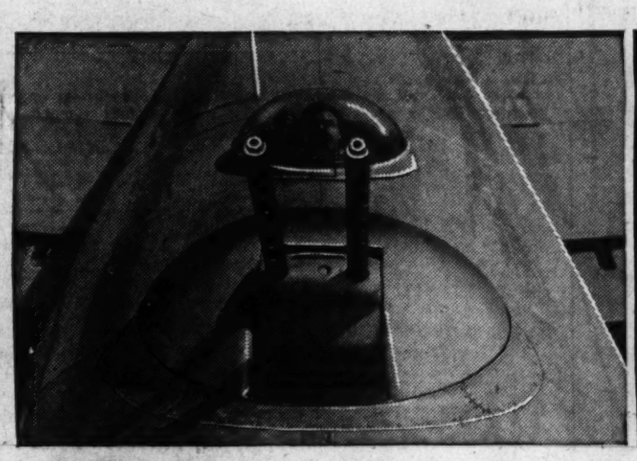
Mt. Airy Soldier Killed in Action

Frederick, Md., Dec. 25 (Spl.).—Pfc. Melvin L. Baker, Mount Airy, was killed in action in Belgium on December 6, his wife, Mrs. Betty Younkins Baker, has been informed by the War Department. He had been overseas since October and before his induction on December 11, 1942, was employed in a Hagerstown aircraft factory.

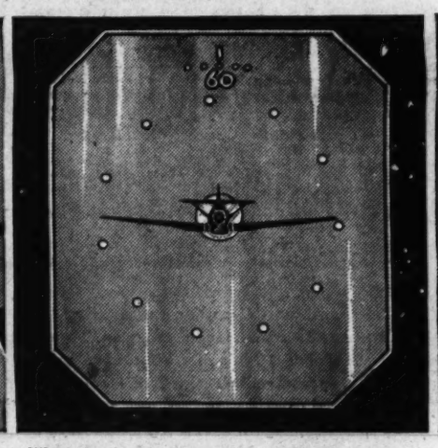
Staff Sergt. P. O. Hovermale

Martinsburg, W. Va., Dec. 25.—Staff Sergt. Price O. Hovermale, formerly of Morgan County, W. Va., was killed in action November 28 in Germany, according to word reaching his wife, Mrs. Evelyn B. Hovermale, this city, from the War Department.

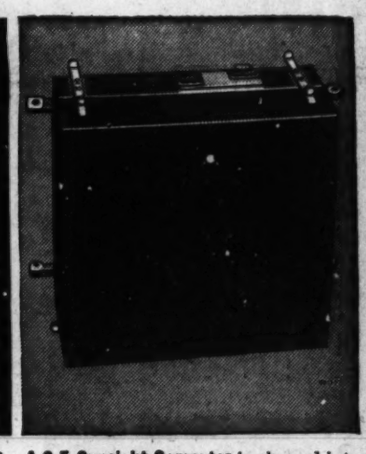
B-29 SUPERFORTS "Shoot from the hip" with G-E GUNSIGHT



Says one B-29 commander: "Sixty Jap planes spread out like a fan made a frontal attack on our nose. We got some hits on them and they didn't damage us."...That dispatch from the Pacific war-front shows that Japs now know B-29s pack plenty of guns in *remote control* turrets, electrically aimed and fired by the G-E Gunsight Computer.

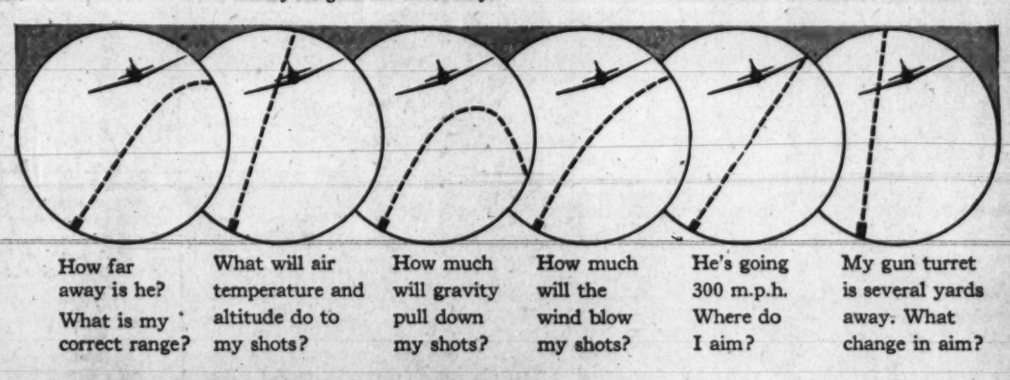


What the gunner sees in his sights is a ring of bright orange dots. Centering the Jap plane in the circle of dots, he presses a button under his thumb. In a turret that may be *several yards away* his guns fire electrically.

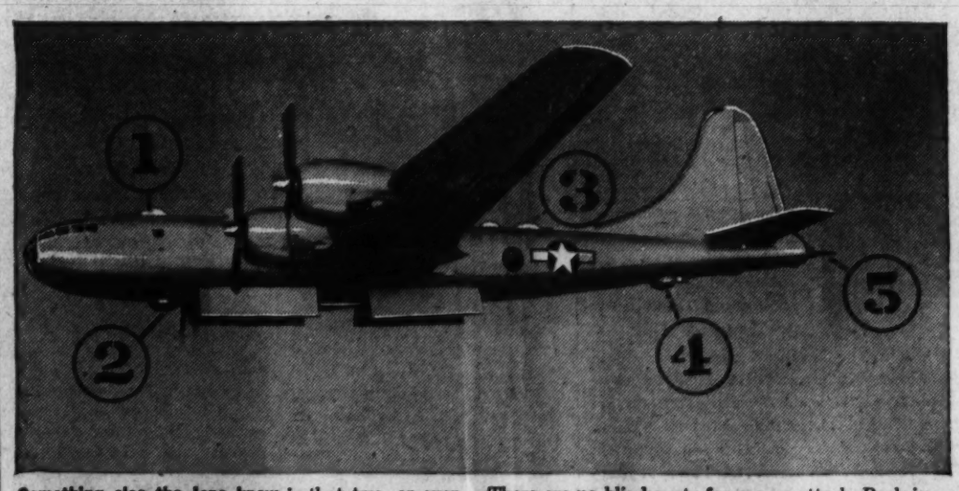


A G-E Gunsight Computer is plugged into each of five turret systems on the B-29. This electrical "brain" lets gunners aim sights directly at the enemy—leaving corrections to the mechanical brain.

Guns pointed electrically. Because the B-29 gunner has such a computer he doesn't have to guess about life-or-death questions like these: How much ahead of the Jap plane shall he aim? How much shall he elevate his gun to allow for gravity? How much for windage? For altitude? Distance? All these things affect the accuracy of his fire. On the B-29 answers to 17 questions like this are fed electrically to the guns, from a mechanical and electronic marvel in a box no bigger than a suitcase.



How far away is he? What is my correct range? | What will air temperature and altitude do to my shots? | How much will gravity pull down my shots? | How much will the wind blow my shots? | He's going 300 m.p.h. Where do I aim? | My gun turret is several yards away. What change in aim?



Something else the Japs know is that two, or even three, of the B-29's five turrets (notice location above) can be switched in together under the control of a single gunner. The gunner with the best view can take over all the guns he needs to fire a fatal barrage.

There are no blind spots for enemy attack. Back in 1939 the Army Air Forces foresaw the need for a Central Fire Control system for airplanes—an extraordinary example of vision. When war came they asked General Electric to design such a system.

It's no accident that U. S. airplane armament is deadly. Well before the war the Army Air Forces and General Electric were developing new ideas in fire-power accuracy and control.

Pearl Harbor made every problem a thousand times more urgent. G-E engineers commuted to Wright Field, burned midnight oil at Schenectady, conferred with engineers of Boeing, makers of the B-29, and with other airplane manufacturers.

On the Gunsight Computer alone, one part of the G-E Central Fire Control System, 70 G-E engineers have worked steadily for nearly three years. 20,000 G-E employees, and 17 sub-contractors helped turn out the intricate mechanism—now in mass production for B-29s and other planes.

But the job is not done. For every U. S. weapon, the enemy seeks a counter-weapon. G-E scientists and engineers continue their work. *General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.*

Hear the G-E radio programs: "The G-E All-girl Orchestra," Sunday 10 P.M. EWT, NBC—"The World Today" news, Monday through Friday, 6:45 P.M. EWT, CBS

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Yank Ackack Crew Levels Gun To Blast 5 Tanks, Delay Nazis

By Franklin Banker

Somewhere in Belgium, Dec. 24. (Delayed) (AP).—Anti-aircraft gunners who stayed and fought after the infantry withdrew played a vital role in preventing the German breakthrough from going any farther by knocking out the first enemy tanks they had ever seen.

One of the standout jobs in the vicinity of Stavelot was that of an antiaircraft battery commanded by Lieut. Leon Kent of Los Angeles, which destroyed 5 German tanks—including one "King Tiger"—in 2 to 3 hours.

Two Panther tanks were knocked out with borrowed bazookas by a pair of ack-ack boys who never had fired a bazooka before. Never given to wasting ammunition, they nailed the tanks with a total of 4 rounds. The successful gunners were Pfc. Roland Seamon, Clarksburg, W. Va., and Pvt. Albert Darago, of Parkville, Md. Their battery had been assigned to defend a crossroads with a 90 millimeter gun normally used against German planes.

"The first thing you know a King Tiger tank, which is twice as big as our Shermans, came rolling up the road," said Lieut. Donald McGuire of Seattle, Wash., battery range officer. "We waited until it got in full view and then let them have it. It caught fire and we killed the crew as they ran out.

"After our infantry retreated with word that they'd send up reinforcements, two more Panthers came along. We got them both with good old 90-millimeter treatment."

Then McGuire added: "We'd still be there if the Germans hadn't brought up machine guns. We had no machine guns—just carbines. So we had to pull out after putting our 90-millimeter out of action with a rifle grenade."

19 Liquor Seizures Made in Virginia

Warning that Virginia law prohibits the transportation of out-of-State whiskey in excess of a gallon into Virginia, M. K. Bryant, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board inspector for northern Virginia, announced yesterday that 19 automobiles bringing liquor from Washington have been stopped in the area this month.

Convictions have brought fines as high as $150 and the whiskey is confiscated in all cases, Bryant said. As many as 14 cases have been found in one car engaged in illegal transportation into Virginia, where liquor is rationed and subject to State tax, the inspector added.

Alexandria Police Get Floral Gift

Alexandria Police received a Christmas surprise yesterday when the Master Super Market, 4102 Mount Vernon ave., requested that two cruiser cars be dispatched to collect more than 50 surplus poinsettia plants for gifts to families of the force and their friends.

Sergt. H. F. Grimm and Officer J. W. Varney distributed the plants.

Treaty Review of Lesser Pacts Is Advocated

By Mary Spargo

The basic treaty forming the international organization to maintain peace should provide for a review of unilateral acts and bilateral agreements now being made, Senator Warren R. Austin (R., Va.), a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said yesterday.

"We've been put on notice," Austin declared, "that the basic treaty ought to provide for a review of these unilateral and bilaterial actions so that they may be coordinated with the organization in the full spirit of cooperation.

"This was the spirit of the Atlantic Charter and of the Moscow Declaration."

In Hearts of People

Asked if he thought the Atlantic Charter is still effective since the admission of President Roosevelt that it does not exist as a formal document. Austin said:

"The Atlantic Charter is just as real as if it were engraved on tablets of bronze—perhaps more so, because it is in the hearts of freedom loving people all over the world.

"They understand its principles, and its exact words, after all, have been preserved in our records."

However, Senator Wiley (R., Wis.) said in a statement yesterday that Americans now are "experiencing the first shock of disillusionment over possibilities of postwar harmony and justice."

He asked:

"Is not its system still poisoned by thousands of years of national hatreds, class hatreds, religious hatreds, fear and suspicion? Has not war further polluted Europe's lifestream rather than purified that stream?"

He suggested that "we must be a Good Samaritan to Europe, helping it to help itself, rather than a Santa Claus, bountifully donating our treasures only to be inevitably abused when we cease our donations."

"The "great change in attitudes represented by these epics of history—the Atlantic Charter and the Moscow declaration" is a change from unilateral to cooperative attitudes, Austin said.

"We will not fail in the United States in attempting the first step toward an international organization to maintain peace," Austin asserted.

Will Not Be Deterred

"We will not be deterred by difficulties of negotion or by the possibility that we wil not at first achieve all that we desire. . . .

"The Pacific means of maintaining order under the law that are comprehended in 'peace forces' will probably be effective for security.

"The ultimate use of military force may never have to be restored to, but emphasis has to be laid upon it in order to make clear the certainty of its use and the speed of its use if a condition exists anywhere in the world that threatens the peace of the world."

Austin, a member of the small subcommittee of Foreign Relations that confers regularly with the Secretary of State on plans concerning an international organization to maintain peace, explained that implicit in peace forces is the right to impose economic sanction, but off communications, and take various other steps to "isolate aggressors."

Could Choke Off War

He said he believed that a peace organization of powerful nations could thus choke off war without ever using the armed forces at its disposal.

Pending the establishment of such a basic peace organization, he said, there will, of necessity, be many unilateral acts and bilateral agreements because the world does not stand still.

Nations, Austin said, feel that security must be attained and can be attained in one form or another.

Lack of an international organization, he pointed out, drives nations to seek what security they can by other agreements.

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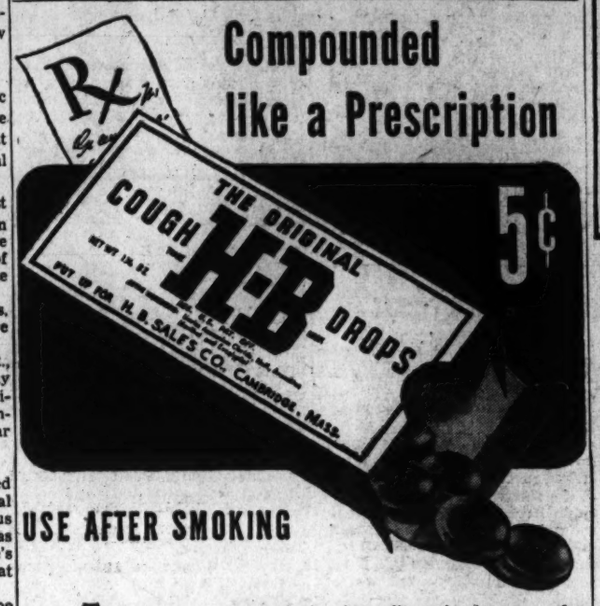

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Capital Services Stress Theme of Christmas Holding Key to Human Freedom

By Robert Tate Allan

Christmas holds the key to human freedom, Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer said yesterday, as the Nation's Capital marked the Christ Child's birthday in a reverent mood.

BUSCHMEYER

Dr. Buschmeyer, president of the Washington Ministerial Union and pastor of Mount Pleasant Congregational Church, addressed the annual Federation of Churches' Christmas Day service at Hamline Methodist Church, 16th and Allison sts. nw.

Facing a congregation that included a number of dignitaries, including Vice President Wallace; Rear Admiral James O. Richardson and Civil Service Commissioner Arthur B. Fleming, Dr. Buschmeyer declared:

". . . Because most of our world has so little freedom in this deeper, higher sense this Christmas season, it should be easier for us to take the message of the day somewhat more seriously.

"With 10 or 11 million men of our own Nation under arms, and probably half that number undergoing actual or imminent threat of death or bodily injury, we cannot boast of freedom in the sense that would mean most, either to God or to parental Christian hearts and minds.

Realization of Need

"We have only to recall further, that our national position is vastly more filled with freedom and comfort than is that of any other war-torn nation today, to realize that our world needs a Saviour and a Redeemer: not in any mystical sense but in a very real and practical sense.

"We cannot look with a sane and steady gaze at our world of suffering, conflict, and social, economic and political confusion even in liberation and military victories, and not give more than a casual or conventional hearing to a message which says, 'Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour!'

"Christmas has a message that from kings and presidents to private citizens and soldier privates we had better take seriously or be prepared to find ourselves defeated even in victory!"

The Rev. Calvin D. Wingert, pastor of Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church, where President Theodore Roosevelt worshiped, offered a prayer for President Franklin D. Roosevelt at the Federation service.

"Bless, we pray thee, the President of the United States and all others who wield authority righteously," said Mr. Wingert. "Comfort the heart of the President as he leads our Nation. Constantly inspire his spirit with those ideals that come even on angel songs from heaven to earth. Sustain him by thy gracious mercies as he leads our Nation through these sad days of war. Grant victory to his high purposes both at home and obroad. Make of us a godly people."

Dr. John W. Rustin, president of the Dederation of Churches, explained at the service that the collection would aid the protestant chaplaincy work at Lorton penal institution, where a Christmas service was held yesterday.

Other participants in the Federation service were Dr. Frederick E. Reissig, Federation executive secretary, and Dr. Harry W. Burgan, host church pastor. The Hamline choir and quartet, director by John H. Marville, presented a Christmas mesical program.

Baby, Resembling Dad, Thrown to Death

Los Angeles, Dec. 24 (AP).—Capt. Thad Brown of the homicide bureau said Mrs. Marian Johnson, 26, told police today, "I threw my baby out the window because he looked like my husband."

Mrs. Johnson had been booked on suspicion of murder following the death plunge yesterday of her three-week-old baby boy. She declared her husband, Arnold Johnson, 33, engraver at a Hollywood studio, had left her five months ago.

Dewey, Brownell Asked to Form Liberal GOP Plan

Senator Clyde M. Reed (R., Kans.) has called upon Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Herbert Brownell, jr., chairman of the Republican National Committee, to form a "constructive and liberal program" for the party to follow, it was disclosed yesterday.

"In the past six years," Reed wrote to Brownell, "a number of my friends throughout the country have asked just what the Republicans in Congress stood for and, sad to relate, I couldn't tell them."

Reed proposed that Republicans take an active part in the next Congress.

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Lessons From The Front

The military experts seem to be as little dismayed as the general public over Von Runstedt's chances to check more than temporarily the defeat of Germany. One of Russia's best, Colonel Koleitsev, writing in the Russian army organ, *Red Star*, calls his thrust an offensive of local character with limited objectives. He doubts whether the Germans will be able to transform their tactical success into an operational success. It is the consensus that what Von Rundstet is after more than anything is to put heart into the German rear for the trial ahead. This hopeful view of the situation would be more acceptable if there were a sign that the Red army was preparing to break the stalemate on the Eastern Front.

However, the disquieting thing to the people is that our command was caught napping. The blame is attached to the intelligence service. For the mistake both the British and ourselves must accept joint responsibility, for at Shaef the chief intelligence officer is a Briton, with an American as his deputy. The deficiency will no doubt be remedied. But there is a lesson in it from which we ought to profit, and which we hope the Woodrum Committee on postwar military policy will draw the proper conclusion. This is the all-importance of the intelligence service in war and peace. Unification of the armed services should begin with intelligence, and all possible inducement should be given to attract the best brains and the richest experience to the intelligence service.

Spelling Reform

It is interesting to learn that the last work of Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, who died a few weeks ago, was an essay attacking the cult of Basic English, which, as he insisted, is not English at all but as much an artificial language as Esperanto or Ido. In this essay, posthumously published in a recent issue of the *Times Literary Supplement* (London), Sir Arthur made several points which might well be pondered by the enthusiasts who seem to consider Basic English one of the more effective instruments for the pacification of the world.

Although English is already and by a very large margin the most widely spoken of the world's languages, it is also the language that persons to whom it is not native find most difficult to master. Professor Ogden and other exponents of Basic English ascribe this to the prodigious number of words and to the multiplicity of verb forms and have accordingly pruned the vocabulary down to considerably less than 1000 words, including only 18 verbs, which can, they say, be trusted to carry the entire burden of communication. Sir Arthur disputes this, saying that what tortures and defeats the foreigner is not the English vocabulary, which is after all derived in the main from the same root words as the vocabularies of other Indo-European languages, but English orthography.

Very few if any of us to whom English is native ever master the spelling of all its words, and, as is so often remarked, there are no orthographic rules which can safely be applied in all cases. Words of almost identical spelling, such as "tough," "cough," "bough" or "foot and "boot," may have wholly different sounds, and words of identical sound, such as "won" and "one" or "no" and "know" or "I" and "eye" are written very differently. The reason, of course, is that English spelling became pretty well standardized about the time of Caxton and that many distinctions of sound then existing have since disappeared. In middle English the pronounciation and spelling were more or less harmonized, though of course the differences between one dialect and another were much greater than is the case today. In medieval times English vowel sounds seem to have been approximately the same as in Latin and in the continental tongues, but in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries the vowels acquired various new values to which English spelling gives no key whatsoever. Thus an English-speaking person learns the pronunciation of an unfamiliar word in his own language by consulting, first, the phonetic version in the dictionary and then the chart which explains the phonetic version.

So Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch is very plausible when he says that a modernization of English spelling would do far more toward minimizing the difficulties of learning English than a drastic amputation of the English vocabulary. However, the thing is easier proposed than accomplished, and Sir Arthur admits "it would be a mighty task and unless entrusted to scholars very dangerous."

In many countries spelling reform is a much easier matter than in Great Britain or the United States. In France the Academy keeps the orthographic problem pretty well in control, and possibly it was the creation of some kind of English academy that Sir Arthur had in mind. Under dictatorships, of course, reform can be accomplished by a mere edict, as when, for example, the modernized Russian alphabet was decreed by the Bolsheviks or as when the late Mustapha Kemal ordered his subjects to use Roman instead of Arabic characters. Perhaps even the anachronisms and absurdities of English spelling can be corrected by act of Congress or by executive order, but we doubt it.

Unfair Labor Practice

By unanimous decision last Monday in the companion Steele and Tunstall cases, the Supreme Court imposed a greatly needed check upon racial discrimination in collective bargaining by unions. This discrimination had been practiced so flagrantly by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, the authorized bargaining representative for their craft in the railroad industry, that they not only refused to admit Negroes to membership but also negotiated a contract with the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, as well as with others in the Southeastern Carriers Conference, under which Negroes were systematically denied seniority privileges and even excluded from employment.

One of the striking facts about the court's decisions is that they completely vindicate the directives which the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee issued to the Southeastern railroads an dto the brotherhood in September, 1943. The FEPC directed the railroads and the brotherhood to "cease and desist from their discriminatory practices affecting the employment of Negroes" and to set aside the agreement between them through which this discrimination was effected. The railroads and the brotherhood protested with indignant self-righteousness that the FEPC was endeavoring to violate the Railway Labor Act and piously refused to comply with its directives. Yet it was precisely on the basis of the Railway Labor Act that the Supreme Court found the discriminatory practices unlawful.

The Railway Labor Act, said the court, imposes on a labor organization acting by authority of the statute as the exclusive bargaining representative of a craft or class of railway employes the duty to represent all the employes in the craft without discrimination because of their race. The Chief Justice put the matter in this way: "We think that the Railway Labor Act imposes upon the statutory representative of a craft at least as exacting a duty to protect equally the interests of the members of the craft as the Constitution imposes upon a legislaure to give equal protection to the interests of those for whom it legislates."

No doubt it was prudent of the court to limit itself to the finding that the discrimination involved in the instant cases was unlawful under the Railway Labor Act. This leaves somewhat uncertain its attitude toward discriminatory practices by other unions acting as exclusive bargaining representatives under authority of the National Labor Relations Act. Mr. Justice Murphy was not content to confine the issue within these narrow bounds. "The utter disregard for the dignity and the well-being of colored citizens shown by this record," he declared in a concurring opinion, "is so pronounced as to demand the invocation of constitutional condemnation. To decide the case and to analyze the statute solely upon the basis of legal niceties, while remaining mute and placid as to the obvious and oppressive deprivation of constitutional guarantees, is to make the judicial function something less than it should be."

If this constitutional condemnation was unnecessary to secure justice in the cases under consideration, it was nonetheless heartening to hear it delivered by a member of the highest court in the land.

Federal Reserve Ratio

Some time ago it became evident that the Federal Reserve Board probably intends to ask Congress to pass legislation lowering the percentage of required reserves held against Federal Reserve note issues. At present the law requires the maintenance of a minimum gold reserve of 40 per cent against Federal Reserve notes and a minimum reserve of 35 per cent in lawful money against deposits held by the Federal Reserve banks.

Owing chiefly to the tremendously rapid expansion of note issues the ratio of total reserves to deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined has been dropping at a rapid rate. By December 13 it had fallen slightly below 50 per cent, as compared with 63.8 per cent a year ago and 90.6 per cent at the end of 1941. Since the last named date the volume of money in circulation has risen from slightly more than 11 billion dollars to a little more than 25 billion dollars; and most of the increase of approximately 14 billion during this three-year period has been in the form of Federal Reserve notes. There were 21.5 billion dollars of these notes outstanding December 13—an increase of nearly five billion dollars during the year. Evidently, if the present upward trend of note issues continues, the time will soon arrive when reserves will no longer be adequate to meet minimum requirements against notes and deposits. Accordingly it is reported that the Federal Reserve officials favor a reduction of minimum reserves to 25 per cent for both notes and deposits.

Since our currency is irredeemable, although secured by gold certificates representing a claim on gold held by the Treasury, there is no reason to feel alarmed at the prospect of a lower gold reserve requirement against note issues. Indeed, since the Federal Reserve System is under obligation to meet the financial demands of war, we know perfectly well that the demand for money has to be met somehow, regardless of the state of the reserves of the system. It might, of course, be met in other ways, such as an increase in Treasury currency issues or by suspension of reserve requirements under emergency powers conferred on the Federal Reserve authorities by existing law. Federal Reserve bank notes, against which no gold reserves have to be held, might also be issued. Or for that matter Congress might be requested permanently to abolish all reserve requirements for the Federal Reserve banks.

Theoretically there is no particular reason why a minimum reserve percentage or percentages should be applied to the Federal Reserve banks, since we are well aware that such restrictions are virtually certain to be modified under pressure of any national emergency. However, the public has become accustomed to regarding the so-called reserves behind our currency as a kind of security, assuring the soundness of our money. That tends to strengthen confidence in the currency system. Hence it would not be expedient to abolish all legal reserve requirements since that might have a disturbing effect upon the public state of mind. When times are more normal, furthermore, the necessity of maintaining required reserves against Federal Reserve notes and Federal Reserve bank deposits will again act as a potential brake upon credit expansion and may have a salutary restraining effect.

Charles Dana Gibson

Mr. Gibson was one of those artists who are so thoroughly impregnated with the spirit of their times that epochs are often named for them. Among other examples could be mentioned painters like Fragonard, Romney and David and illustrators like Daumier and Toulouse-Lautrec. It is no accident, of course, that women are the favorite and most frequent subjects of such artists, since this sex has always been more responsive to the influences which find visible form in fashion.

In Gibson's case the identity with fashion was even more complete. The Gibson Girl was more than a special type and a special costume—more than a tall figure and a pretty, pouting face set off by a pompadour, a shirtwaist, a pleated skirt and picture hat. She symbolized the social and esthetic aspirations that were prevalent from about 1895 to 1905. She was what most American girls of the period earnestly desired to be or what they liked to imagine they were. She was bold and subtly flirtatious without in any way being "fast." She was self-confident and a little imperious, accustomed to having her way. She carried about with her a suggestion of material well-being, of good breeding, of personal daintiness and of being quite at home in really smart places. She was, in short, the abstraction of all the heroines in all the more reputable romantic novels of the period. There was, of course, a Gibson Man to complement her, a square-jawed, heavy-shouldered fellow, with a muscular neck sheathed in an incredibly high collar. But he was rarely more than one of the necessary properties like the chandelier with the mistletoe, the dance program, the parasol, the box of bon-bons.

The Gibson Girl brought her creator great celebrity and prosperity, but, of course, at a price. He had ambitions about painting which he was not to fulfill until the last years of his life. And it was inevitable that a popularity so closely wedded to fashion should presently decline. By 1908 the Gibson Girl was giving away to another more sensuous and more dubious type of beauty created by popular artists like Harrison Fisher and Howard Chandler Christy. By 1920, though Mr. Gibson was still drawing pictures regularly for *Life*, the Gibson Girl, her rats, corsets, parasol and pendant watch with the fleur de lys pin, had vanished from American life, and in her place was the strident flapper of Scott Fitzgerald and John Held, with her bobbed coif, her long French heels and the embarrassing hiatus between her skirt hem and her garters. To this generation Gibson, though his pictures appeared as regularly as ever, could have very little to say. And by this time Hollywood, rather than Fifth Avenue or Narragansett, was setting the pace.

THE WOODS

Now the mourning dove and the subdued call
of the thrush
Ring down through the dim aisles, this
thatch of the limbs upon the layer
of leaf.
They bring to me what is more than the nar-
rowed light's first flush—
The time that we passed here, the hours
that were all too brief.

Rain-haze in the air, and the lush growth
under the trees' trailing whips . . .
These are the million stars of the forest and
all beneath it.
From one dusk of a tree to another, the long-
dreamed shadow slips;
And the words that are gone are in the air
as I softly breathe it.

It has all the shade and leaves and the damp-
ness, the trees and the vines
Except you who came here, beautiful, light-
hearted, young.
You are still a part of this place, grown for-
ever to the flowers and pines;
I am saying your name, and it seems to be
whispered again on the green woods'
tongue.

DANIEL SMYTHE

Washington Calling

By Marquis Childs

A CENTENARY passed the other day that was marked with little public fanfare. But to millions of men and women all over the world it meant a great deal.

December 21 was the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the first cooperative society in Rochdale, which in 18444 was a desperately poor mill town in England's textile country.

Out of that small beginning has come a world-wide growth, so that just before the war there were 800,000 cooperative associations of various types, with a membership of 145 millior in 56 countries. Those impressive statistics are tribute to the force of the idea behind the cooperative movement.

Democratic in the truest sense of the word, the cooperatives are based on the enterprise and initiative of individuals who band together of their own free will to better their lot in life. In some parts of the world, conspicuously Scandinavia, they had grown to a point at which they successfully challenged the power of monopolies and thrusts to force down to reasonable levels the prices of ordinary necessities.

IN MANY countries, perhaps in most, they have competed on an equal basis with private enterprise. Aften, as in Sweden, they have provided a stimulus that has resulted in better quality and better service.

In Nazi-occupied Europe, the cooperatives have largely been destroyed or undermined. Where the Germans could not take them over, they struck them down. Cooperative leaders have suffered torture and death in concentration camps for their devotion to democracy.

Totalitarianism of the left and the right will not tolerate this instrument of the "middle way." When they had served their usefulness after the Bolshevik revolution of 1917, the cooperatives that had existed in czarist Russia were liquidated by the Communists.

If Europe's cooperatives can be reestablished, they may help to prevent a violent swing toward communism or a new kind of fascism. They were very important in the economy of Yugoslavia, for example, but now there is a clear indication that the forces at present dominating the country—Tito's Partisans, with Russia back of Tito—do not want cooperatives in the old democratic sense.

HERE THE decisions made by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration can be of utmost importance. UNRRA has studied the possibility of using cooperative organizations to distribute relief in occupied countries.

But the timidity which exerts such a paralyzing force within UNRRA seems to work here, too. Under an UNRRA decision, only existing economic organizations can be used as channels for distribution of the food and clothing vital in so many areas of devastated Europe. To do otherwise, it is argued, would be political.

Take Greece as an example of how this would work. The Greek cooperatives, a small but important part of Greek economy, resisted German efforts to take them over. Therefore they were destroyed and today are virtually nonexistent.

Unless UNRRA takes positive steps to bring the Greek cooperatives back to life so that they may help in the job of rehabilitation, this feature of democratic life is likely to be lost beyond recall. That will have the effect of pushing that tragic country closer to some form of absolutism.

UNRRA should reconsider its decision. Some way must be found to save the cooperatives not alone in Greece, but wherever fascism has struck them down.

The 28 poverty-ridden weavers who gathered in Rochdale a century ago this December to start the first cooperative venture could hardly have known how far their idea would spread. We in our time must make sure that totalitarianism does not kill it.

Nurses' Training

Mr. Walter Lippmann's disclosure of the lamentable lack of help being accorded by American women to our gallant soldiers at this critical time, combined with reports that our women's colleges are now filled to the bursting point, stimulate the following suggestion to Congress:

If and when a bill is passed for compulsory military training of our young men after this war, there should be added to that bill the requirement that our young women spend one year studying the craft of the nurses' aide before they may be allowed to matriculate in any college or university. Should it seem better for reasons of age, this requirement might be introduced between the sophomore and junior years. But in some such manner we should have available next time a suitable reservoir of partially trained young women and thus avoid repeating the present sad experience.

AUSTIN Y. HOY.
Southport, Conn., Dec. 21.

For Better Or Worse

By Barnet Nover

We Cannot Escape The Realities

IT WOULD be foolish to deny that there has been a flare-up of isolationist sentiment in the United States during recent weeks.

Americans have suddenly discovered to their consternation and disgust that the postwar settlement that is emerging from the deals, understandings, alliances, ententes and agreements which have been made and are in process of being made by our allies is very different from what they hoped it would be.

In some cases this has automatically led to a flight from reality. What those individuals do not like they will not approve. What they cannot approve they will not accept. What they refuse to accept they run away from.

Well, it would be pleasant if we could run away from the hard-bitten and unhappy world that is emerging from the turmoil and confusion and bloodletting and misery of the most monstrous and destructive war in history.

WE TRIED that once and the mess we are in today is a direct result of that attempt to escape from realities.

We may try it again. But the consequences are likely to be no more pleasant and no more profitable than they were before. The world that is emerginm is, for better or worse, the world we shall have to live in.

By the same token, the peace that will emerge from that victory which we are winning at so fearful a cost will certainly not be an ideal peace. From present indications it is likely to be anything but ideal.

FOR THIS UNHAPPY circumstance the blame is, in part, ours. So far as the United States is concerned, this war, politically speaking, has been a war of lost opportunities.

The generalities our statesmen have proclaimed with such fanfare—the Atlantic Charter, for instance, or the Four Freedoms or the Declaration of Moscow—have remained generalities long after they should have been given some kind of concrete embodiment.

There has been no World War II counterpart of the Fourteen Points of World War I.

NOW IT IS TRUE that no one can speak with real assurance on the subject of where, assuming a change is necessary, the actual boundary between Russia and Poland ought to be. Nor can anyone be absolutely certain that a particular settlement imposed on a defeated Germany, be that settlement punitive or charitable, will achieve the intended effect. Nor can the United States assume to say just what ought to be done in the case of such a fantastically tangled problem as the problem of Macedonia.

Yet the justifiable failure to formulate precise policies regarding specific questions does not excuse the Administration from its failure to insist that certain principles of conduct be binding on all nations. For the manner in which the peace is made is likely to be as important so far as the world's future is concerned as the details of that peace.

Who can say that the manner in which the peace terms are being made—in eastern Europe, for instance—is compatible with decent international conduct?

THERE IS STILL time for the voice of the United States to be heard in the Council of Nations. There is still time for this country to exercise that leadership which millions upon millions of people throughout the world want us to exercise. There is still time to save something from the wreck of our hopes.

But whether we act or fail to act we shall have no choice but to do the best we can with the final settlement.

IT IS NOW generally forgotten that the isolationism of the 'twenties was the product of two main currents of feeling.

On the one hand, there were those who, like Henry Cabot Lodge, had no objections to the Treaty of Versailles (except that he felt it was too easy on Germany) but did not want he League.

There were others, like the late Senator Norris, who at first did not oppose the League but came around to oppose it because it formed part of a peace settlement he regarded as Carthaginian. The rejection of the Covenant was the work not merely of the cynics but also of the sentimentalists.

Whatever peace emerges from this war we shall have no real choice but to support it. Whatever international agency is set up it will be to our profit to help maintain, even if it is a good deal less than perfect in or eyes.

The realities that confront us today and that will confront us after the war has been won may be dour. We cannot and will not be able to escape from them. We shall have to do the best we can with the world we get.

Letters To The Editor

Communications must carry writer's name and address, though pen names are permitted at the editor's discretion. Letters should be held to not more than 200 words. They are subject to condensation.

Whither Journalism?

Reading The Post the other day I saw a small informational paragraph. It was one of those brief, filler-up paragraphs titled "Move Drawer Knobs." It read:

"Move the knobs on your upper cabinet doors close to the bottom of the door and move the knobs on your lower cabinets close to the top of the doors and you will eliminate a lot of stretching and stooping."

That paragraph is indicative of whither modern journalism may be drifting. More than anything else it shows the hand of female newspaper writers. Many hardened city editors have been watchful to keep the pages of newspapers from obviously showing the influence of women, even though most newspaper staffs are flushed with women. This paragraphic must have slipped through somehow.

Time was when fillers in newspapers were taken with such splendid pieces of thought as:

"The zebra is a native jungle animal."

"The moon is 26,000,000,000 miles from the earth." (Or however far the moon is from the earth.)

"Blackbeard was a pirate."

That was real information, something useful. Someone will say in conversation, "What is a zebra?" If you read the paper thoroughly, you'll know what a zebra is. If someone wonders how far it is to the moon, you have the answer ready because you are a constant reader of the newspaper. You'll know, last but not least, that Blackbeard was a pirate.

But now that women are writing the fillers in the papers, what do we get? Ruffley, flowery, piece-goods sort of writing, about bolts of cloth and curtains, fillers about lowering the knobs on high cabinets and raising the knobs on low cabinets, so there won't be so much stretching and stooping.

In the first place, who is going to take time out to move the knobs on cabinets? Not the women, I can tell you that. They'll probably read about it in the newspapers and when the old man comes home at night all tired out from working so hard at the Pentagon, the wife will say, "I wish you'd lower the knobs on the high cabinet and raise the knobs on the low cabinet."

"What?" he will say.

She will repeat the request, adding that she read it in the newspaper.

"I don't have time to be fixing knobs," he will shout. "Get a plumber."

"Plumbers don't fix knobs on cabinets," she will say.

"Then get whoever does do that, a carpenter or somebody," he will say. "I don't see what you want it done for anyhow. A little stretching and bending never hurt anybody. It will do you good. It's good exercise."

It will probably end up by the knobs staying right where they are.

Come to think of it, the cabinet manufacturers ought to have thought about it in the first place, and made the cabinets with low knobs when the cabinets are high and high knobs when the cabinets are low. If industry would think of these things in the first place, we wouldn't have to waste our time reading fillers in the newspapers dealing with such knobby matters. And it would eliminate a lot of stretching and stooping. People are getting to be too stooped anyhow. CONSTANT READER.

Washington, Dec. 18.

Yugoslav Relief

For three bitter years the Yugoslav people have fought a bloody and heroic war against the Nazi invaders. Virtually without help from the rest of the world, bare-handed and ragged, except for what they captured from the nemy, they have made an extraordinary contribution to the victory of the United Nations.

Perhaps thousands of American soldiers who fought in Africa and Sicily, or who are still fighting in Italy, are alive today, partly because Tito's Yugoslav Liberation Army and Partisan Detachments, using weapons captured from the enemy, were keeping large German forces pinned down in Yugoslavia away from the fronts on which our men were fighting.

The Yugoslavs did this at an almost unimaginable sacrifice. Nearly two million of their best men and women, girls and boys, have perished in the struggle. This is as if the United States lost 15 million of its finest people.

Now, with full liberation—and winter—approaching, those who have survived these three terrible years face death or the bitterest hardship for lack of the most elementary supplies. Over 70 per cent of their fields have been devastated or stripped and seven million people, more than half of them children, are without clothing and blankets. Tens of thousands of Yugoslav men, women and children will starve or freeze this winter if supplies do not reach them soon.

To help meet their critical need, plans have been made to send a relief ship to Yugoslavia filled with warm used clothing, tinned foods and medical supplies. The American Committee for the Yugoslav Relief Ship has been formed by the War Relief Fund of Americans of South-Slavic Descent to conduct the emergency drive to fill the ship.

This is an appeal to your readers to go through their trunks and closets and attics and pick out their used but still serviceable clothing of all sorts and all sizes, and blankets and quilts. If they send the articles at once to the committee, it is highly probable that their contributions will warm someone in liberated Yugoslavia this winter.

For information about clothing depots in your own community, write to the American Committee for the Yugoslav Relief Ship, 58 Park av., New York City. Out-of-towners may ship them to our warehouse, 161 Perry st., New York City.

LOUIS ADAMIC,
For the American Committee for the Yugoslav Relief Ship, 58 Park ave., New York City.
Milford, N. J., Dec. 19.

Political Front

By Paul Winkler

Planned Strategy

IT IS USEFUL to isolate and analyze the errors that are being made by the Allies in the political field, but to find the mistakes is only half the task which needs to be done. The harder part is to suggest a means by which they can be avoided or corrected.

Leading European experts who have been consulted on the difficulties now being met with in the liberated territories have described the principal errors as these:

1. The fallacy of trying to use puppet governments to restore order in the liberated countries.

2. The failure to make use of political exiles whose democratic principles have been tested in the past.

3. The tendency to accept as evidence of the legality of a government its mere continuity with its predecessors, to the exclusion of the acid test of the right of a democratic government to rule, the consent of the governed.

4. The unwillingness to admit that the resistance movements have won the right to a large voice in the reorganization of the countries they have helped to free.

Having isolated these causes of trouble, the European experts have also performed the second half of their task by suggesting a means for eliminating them. Its fundamental tenet is this:

Political warfare must be recognized as having equal importance with military warfare in a struggle which is essentially one between two opposed political philosophies. As much attention needs to be given to the political objectives whose attainment will spell political victory as has been given to the military objectives whose attainment will spell military victory. If the political situation had been examined as carefully as the military situation and if the strategy which it demands had been as minutely discussed as the strategy required by the military situation, the four cardinal errors listed above could not have been made.

Political Front

The situation thus far, in the political field, has been that of a refusal to defend democratic positions; and the results threaten to be as disastrous as a refusal to defend military positions would have been. Fascism launched a political war against the democracies, using military war as one of its weapons. The democracies countered the military blow with their own military strength, but ignored the political blow.

It has been asserted again and again by democratic leaders that military considerations had to take precedence over all others, that the war had to be won on the battlefield, and that all political questions could be postponed until later. Those who protested against thus leaving the political front undefended during the military war were often silenced by the intimation, if not the direct charge, that to attempt to divert attention from military issues by raising political ones was a form of sabotage.

But the proponents of the simultaneous political war retorted that neglect of political strife would eventually have the effect of handicapping the military effort. It is now clear at last that it is doing exactly that. The recent painful incidents in Greece, Italy and Belgium have had that effect in at least three obvious ways:

1. The opposition of Allied armies and exile governments to the resistance movements of liberated territories is having a discouraging effect on the underground fighters of territories not yet liberated — fighters whose military value to the common cause is now admitted by everyone.

2. The converse of this effect occurs in Germany, where the resistance of the enemy is stiffened by the encouraging reports of the Allied difficulties in the liberated regions. German propaganda is making particularly lavish use of the news from Greece.

3. The disorders which are occuring in the hinterland of the new fronts necessarily impedes the Allied war effort.

"Human Element"

Since these bad results are now plain, it may perhaps be possible at last to convince those leaders whose attention has been restricted to purely military factors of the importance of planning political strategy as carefully as military strategy, and of taking into consideration the hitherto neglected "human element."

The means for doing this, the European experts suggest, would be the duplication for political matters of the Combined Chiefs of Staff organization which already exists for military matters, by the creation of a permanent United Nations planning board, after the pattern proposed by the late Wendell Wilkie. But more important even than the mere establishment of such a board would be the formulation of the basic political principles for which this war is being fought, which would serve as a guide for the board to decide its tactics in each individual case.

As a matter of fact, the machinery for such a political staff already exists in the European Commission set up by the Moscow Conference; but not much use seems to have been made of it.

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

Intelligence Work

RUNDSTEDT'S break through the First Army is comparable with Pearl Harbor because in neither case could the enemy have achieved his success if he had not surprised us.

LIPPMANN

At Pearl Harbor all the errors of judgment and performance stemmed from a fundamental error of judgment, that the Japanese would first strike southward. When the whole story of Pearl Harbor can be studied, the most interesting and important question will be how the high command came to the conclusion that Japan would risk a compaign southward to the Philippines, Malaya, and the Indies with its left flank exposed to the United States Navy based on Hawaii.

On the First Army front it is, I think, admitted that Rundstedt achieved surprise because what was known about the concentration of German troops was wrongly interpreted as a movement to reinforce the threatened German defenses in the plain of Cologne. No doubt the Germans managed to conceal some part of this movement, and the evidence of their intentions was, therefore, incomplete. But the main error was almost surely in the intellectual appreciation of what evidence there was: in a failure to realize, and even an unwillingness to believe, that the classic German method of defense is to mount an offensive.

WHILE IT IS TRUE, then, that our great reverses have been due to a failure of the "military intelligence," we must be careful not to take this as meaning that the whole trouble, or even the main trouble, at Pearl Harbor and on the First Army front, was due to lack of information: to inadequate air reconnaissance, reports from agents, and the other devices for finding out what is going on behind the enemy's lines. The main trouble has been in the interpretation and judgment of the information, in being able to read or as we say in newspapers to edit correctly the information brought in by the reporters.

No doubt if information about the enemy were complete, we could never be surprised. But the information is rarely complete, and therefore the highest and most difficult part of intelligence work is not to gather information but to judge it correctly. It is here that we are the most backward and the most vulnerable. For this kind of judgment our normal peace-time experience is no such preparation as it has been for the organization, the equipment, the administration, and the movement of great masses of men and supplies. In the two serious military reverses we have suffered in this war, our weakness has not been in material power or in the valor and steadfastness of the officers and men, but in the intellectual judgment of the enemy's intentions.

IN ORDER to correct this weakness we shall have to realize much more thoroughly than we usually do that in war and in diplomacy there is no higher or more important function than the final judgment of information. This is the one function that the great commanders and the great diplomatists do not delegate; they do not accept the ready-made judgments of their subordinates because at the heart of any strategical decision or of any diplomatic policy there must be a judgment about what other armies, other governments, other peoples are doing and intending to do.

Our disposition, inherited from the isolationist period, is to underrate the importance of intelligence as compared with organization and administration. This is even more pronounced in a civilian arm, like the State Department, than it is now, as a result of hard experiences in battle, within the armed forces. Thus in the reorganization carried out by Mr. Stettinius, his whole preoccupation has been, it would seem, to achieve a harmonious administrative team, bypassing the much more serious problem of how the State Department is to judge more truly than it has the actual balance of forces with which our foreign policy must deal.

WE HAVE to recognize that men prepared for these highest judgments are not to be found easily in a Nation which has so long discouraged military education and the study of the art of war, which has so long enjoyed immunity from the need to have a foreign policy. But they must be found and they will be as we realize how necessary it is to find them. In the armed forces a disaster like that of Pearl Harbor, or a reverse like that of the First Army, does mean a real shakeup. But the same cannot be said of the civilian departments of government. For there men who have misjudged fundamental political conditions, say in western Europe, remain unshaken in their posts, and are even promoted.

That, to put it conservatively, is a big gamble with very high stakes.

War and Civil Rights

By Merlo Pusey

THE SUPREME COURT has added another new bump to the Constitution. That historic document guarantees to the people the right "to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures." It also provides that "no person . . . shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law" and assures to all citizens equal protection of the laws. But the court has said in effect that these guarantees do not operate against the discretion of military commanders.

PUSEY

We should be shortsighted indeed to minimize the importance of this decision in the Korematsu case because the verdict of the court was directed against an American citizen of Japanese ancestry. What the court has done is to uphold the Army in setting aside the Bill of Rights on a plea of military necessity. Since the Constitution recognizes no distinction between one citizen and another, except on the basis of individual guilt, this blow to civil liberties concerns every one of us, without respect for differences in the color of skin.

Korematsu was removed from his home and made a prisoner of the United States over a long period, although he was not accused of any crime or of disloyalty. To be sure, the Army feared that some of the 112,000 men, women and children of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast when the war broke out might commit sabotage or espionage. The flimsiness of that fear may be seen from the facts that the FBI had already arrested all Japanese in this country known to be dangerous and that not one of those singled out for evacuation was accused or convicted of espionage or sabotage while they were still free during the four months between Pearl Harbor and the issuance of the exclusion order. If the Bill of Rights can be set aside in these circumstances, we may as well say, as Justice Robert H Jackson pointed out in his dissenting opinion, "that any military order will be constitutional and have done with it."

IT IS A WELL known fact that the laws are often silent in wartime. In the presence of national peril the President sometimes acts first and worries about the constitutionality of his conduct when the danger is passed. Nor do military commanders in the field wait to determine the constitutionality of their moves before striking at the enemy wherever he may appear. Our defenders must be free to use their own discretion in an emergency. But it is quite a different matter, as Justice Jackson notes, for the courts solemnly to validate any such military disregard of constitutional rights after the danger has passed.

During the Civil War many provisions of the Bill of Rights were suspended. Lincoln's explanation of that policy was that it is more important to save the Union than to protect all the rights of individual citizens in that grave crisis. When the crisis had passed, however, the Supreme Court did not write this thesis into the Constitution. On the contrary, it held, in the Milligan case, that the Government had no authority to substitute military fiat for civil law when the courts are open and able to function.

Now the court has permitted military discretion to supersede the Constitution in determining human rights. That is a far more "subtle blow to liberty," to borrow the words of Justice Jackson, "than the promulgation of the [exclusion] order itself." "A military order, however unconstitutional," he went on to say, "is not apt to last longer than the military emergency. . . . But once a judicial opinion rationalizes such an order to show that it conforms to the Constitution, or rather rationalizes the Constitution to show that the Constitution sanctions such an order, the court for all time has validated the principle of racial discrimination in criminal procedure and of transplanting American citizens."

EVEN IN THE Endo case, in which the court granted a loyal American citizen of Japanese ancestry her freedom through a writ of habeas corpus, it shied away from the basic issue in the evacuation program. "In reaching that conclusion," said Justice Douglas, "we do not come to the underlying constitutional issues which have been argued." Is the court unwilling to recognize the Constitution as the basic law of the land?

The Endo decision does not save the court, therefore from the justifiable censure that the Korematsu decision is bringing upon it. Even when considered together, they indicate a willingness of the court to give military fiat precedence over civil rights. That is the more regrettable because the court has usually been a bulwark behind human liberties. Now we must face the unpleasant fact that its willingness to read new powers into the Constitution does not end with the validation of economic controls. It extends also to deflation of the Bill of Rights to give free rein to Administration policy.

Off the Record

By Ed Reed

"The Three Bares"

"Anne wants one of her gifts exchanged!"

LEONARD LYONS

Broadway Gazette

New York, Dec. 25.

FOREIGN DISPATCH: One of the correspondents in the Balkans, who was assigned to cover the story of Great Britain's political dictation in Italy and Greece, reminisced of the Versailles Conference. One day Clemenceau walked out of the conference with Prime Minister Lloyd George," he related. "Clemenceau told the British representative: 'England's foreign policy reminds me of my little poodle dog. He's a great watch dog. If you wake him up, he barks at the slightest noise."

DOROTHY GISH

POLITICS: Maurice Chevalier, who finally was cleared after having been charged with being a collaborationist, now is a member of the Communist Party in France. The Communist Party was not unmindful of the fact that his joining would be interpreted in France as a purge of any doubt that Chevalier ever had collaborated. Chevalier therefore had to pay a sensasationally high initiation fee.

THEATER: Last summer Dorothy Gish enrolled for a USO-Camp Show tour overseas to play the starring roll in "Over 21." She turned down all offers for Broad way roles in order to make the trip. On August 8 she received her innoculations. She waited for almost five months, and in the meantime gave performances at Army camps nearby. Last week the cast finally was alerted. But on the day before the take-off, Grandon Rhodes, who plays the leading man, was told by his doctors that he must be operated on immediately . . . And so, because it would take sixe weeks to process a substitute, the tour was cancelled.

MUSIC: Elsa Maxwell was at a party at Mrs. Evalyn Walsh Mclean's where she heard one of Shostakhovich's newest works being performed. "That's wonderful, wonderful," Miss Maxwell rhapsodized. "Such divine music. It's unfortunate that we have nobody in America today to match the brilliance of his work. Shostakhovich has the soul, the feel, the—." . . . "Elsa, don't be silly," Mrs. McLean interrupted. "You know you're mad about 'Mairzy Doats.'"

BUSINESS DEPT.: George Lait, the war correspondent and veteran of the African and Pacific campaign, went into an engagement with a Brigadier General at his side. When the shells began to drop nearby, the Brigadier said to Lait: "Don't worry." . . . "Of course I worry," Lait replied. "All you got to do is get killed. I gotta get back and writ it."

LOCAL NEWS: Now that the sedition trials will not be resumed, John Rogge and Joseph W. Burns, who prosecuted the cases, probably will resign from the Department of Justice . . . Lieut. Col. John Warner, son-in-law of Al Smith and former head of the New York State Police, will get his Army discharge at Fort Dix shortly . . . General Patton's friends insist that he has received a cluster to his Distinguished Service Cross . . . Admiral Vickery of the Maritime Commission is at the Naval Hospital . . . On August 24, when I reported the investigation of Norden and the industrial engineering firm of Corrigan, Osborne & Wells, and subsequently stated that indictments would follow, the engineering firm's publicity director phoned to deny it. The indictments were announced last Tuesday.

FINANCE DEPT.: Dick de Richemont, of Time and Life, has an apartment in Paris. One day, while he was away in Unoccupied France, the Gestapo came. The concierge said that he had no key, but would have one the next day. That night the concierge moved all of de Rochemont's belongings, and the Gestapo found the rooms bare. They rented the apartment for themselves and, as is customary there, paid the rent regularly, every three months in advance, up until a few days before Paris was liberated. When de Rochemont flew from New York to Paris last month, he found his apartment with his belongings intact, plus 15 days rent paid for by the Gestapo.

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Nelson B. Bell About the Showshops

'Hope for the Best' On New Year's Eve; Notes of the Theater

TUES —BULL— THEATERS —BELL.... ....

IN FEAR that it may not have been specifically mentioned, we hasten to lunge into print with the information that the Jean Dalrymple-Marc Connelly production of William McCleery's new comedy, "Hoe for the Best," will be opening in the National Theater on Sunday night instead of the conventional Monday.

I take this to be a smart move on the part of the producers. New Year's Eve is a gala sort of hey-hey occasion, if you know what I mean, that it would be indiscreet to ignore.

It is not too much to expect that the National will be crowded on Sunday night, regardless of the merits of Mr. McCleery's play, which one assumes, offhand, are really merits and not demerits.

There are a powerful lot of people in Washington these days, and there are powerful few places for them to go.

But aside from all that, it is worth remembering that Franchot Tone is star of this new iece coing to E street. Mr. Tone has a handsome record on the stage and an even handsomer one in the films. His opularity is something that I should say casually should be the least of his worries. It probably is.

There has been one important substitution in cast since the first announcements of "Hope for the Best," Mercedes McCambridge, prominent radio actress, has has been plopped into the part originally scheduled for Dina Merrill, who, for some reason or other, has withdraw nfrom the project.

And another thing, I am informed that after Sunday night's initial performance, 'Miss Dalrymple, Mr. Connelly and the cast of "Hope for the Best" are holding a soiree at the Carlton, beginning in the wee small hours and ending goodness only knows when. If this is the "holiday" season, I would like to know what an 18-hour day looks like. As a matter of fact, I could tell you, even from here!

Art at Its Zenith

That whirring sound you have been hearing since last Friday night is Charles Dickes whizzing in his grave.

Only the paper and energy shortage prevented our ncluding in yesterday's column something about what was probably one of the most notable dramatic productions of all time.

I am going all the way back to the piece de resistance of Carter Barron's Friday night party at the Shoreham, when Managing Director Gene Ford of Loew's Capitol put on and inspired condensation of "A Christmas Carol."

If Mr. Dickens' shade was sitting in, the business probably was not condensed enough. There was plenty of time for it to have shuddered at the ew twists ngive an enduring classic.

The star of the piece was Signor Orangelo J. Ratto, "Mayor of F Street" and, incidentally, manager of Loew's Palace Theater, cast as Tiny Tim, Signor Ratti's part consisted of one imperishable line spoken with great dramatic fervor at intervals that almost overlapped each other. This priceless contribution to dramatic literature was, "When do we eat?"

Lionel Barrymore, who plays Scrooge on the screen from time immemorial, might well tear a leaf from the book of Billy K. Saxton, Baltimore City manager for Loew's, Inc., who offered a portrayal of the character which I have no doubt was one of the principal reasons for Mr. Dickens' restlessness in his mausoleum.

The supporting cast included Ann Barnovitz, "Hank" Shields, Connie Krueger, Jack Foxe, Jeanette Margolis and Mrs. Sam Gilman.

If my esteemed confrere Andrew R. Kelley were not already in New York in quest of a play suitable for the "command performance" to inaugurate the President's birthday celebrations, I should say that "A Christmas Carol," in its newest manifestation, would do nicely! Or would it?

Maybe by tomorrow—and no guarantee goes with this—we will be able to approximate what will be going on in the theaters during New Year week. In the meantime, "The Cherry Orchard" is carrying on at the National with Eve Le Gallienne and Joseph Schildkraut costarred, and there are some pretty engaging exhibits on the downtown motion-picture screens.

It would be a dereliction not to acknowledge, and express as sincerely as we are able, the gratitude we feel toward the hundreds—and I mean that literally—of cherished friends who contributed so generously to one of the merriest of Christmases. To list all to whom we are indebted would take a page, but foremost among them would be John J. Payette, Carter T. Barron, Roland Robbins, Mrs. Louise Noonan Miller and Abe Tolkins, Sol Sorkin and Hardie Meakin, Fred Kogod, Max Burka and Frank Boucher, Abe Lichtman, Sam Galanty, Sidney Lust, Universal Pictures, Eddie Plohn and so many others that it sort of makes the head swim—if a head ever swims in a spirit of deep humility, I will get around eventually, I hope, to personla acknowledgments of all these gracious remembrances.

Looking-Backward Note

Repulsive day, wasn't it?

Nylon Adds to Uses

Wilmington, Del. (U.P.).—Scratchproof polishing for the delicate jewel bearings of Navy precision instruments now is another of the multifold uses of nylon. A single strand of nylon—of .015 diameter in 1-inch lenghts—is used for the delicate polishing of tiny bearing holes in the gems. The nylon does not chip the jewels, holds the diamond dust used in polishing well, and has superior life. The nulon replaces wood or copper wire in the process.

Army 'Supermarket'

Philadelphia (U.P.).—This city has a super-market where no ration points are needed. It is the Philadelphia Quartermaster Army Center, which purchases food for Pennsylvania, Delaware and some New Jersey military posts. The Center, which has branches in Bridgeton, N. J., and Dover, Del., also ships processed foods overseas.

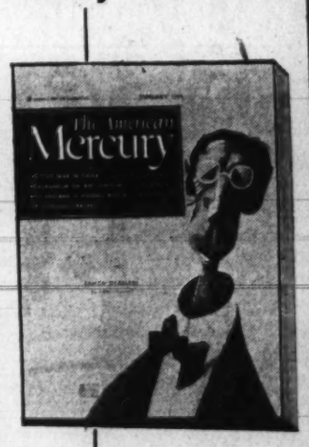
BEHIND THE CRISIS IN CHINA—by Lin Yutang

Lin Yutang has accomplished what no American, and no Chinese of lesser stature, could have done. He has visited China, probed deeply into the bloody civil war between the Communists and Chungking, and returned with the first authoritative, dispassionate report to reach the American people. In it he reveals the full tragedy of the conflict . . . discloses facts, rigorously censored until now, that help explain China's present critical position. For the story behind today's China headlines read "The Civil War in China" by Lin Yutang in THE AMERICAN MERCURY for January.

WHY ENGLAND IS WOOING RUSSIA

In the Balkans . . . in Poland . . . in Iran, the British lion purrs softly to the Soviet bear as England lays plans to safeguard her empire. Why does England worry more about Russia's friendship than America's . . . how much will she concede to strengthen her Russian alliance . . . where will she draw the line? Let Andre Visson, veteran authority on foreign affairs, answer these questions and unravel for you many a puzzling diplomatic move. Read "Why England is Wooing Russia."

THE AMERICAN MERCURY—for January—OUT NOW



It is no easy task to select the "headliners" among the intriguing articles in the January MERCURY. *De Valera's Ireland* is a memorable portrait of a troubled land ruled by a puritanical idealist using totalitarian methods. *Poison From Europe* is Francis Rufus Bellamy's terse label for Fritz Mandl, sinister armament figure from Austria, now in Argentina—a menace to the peace of all South America. Philip Wylie's *Memorandum on Anti-Semitism* is a Christian's stirring analysis of Jew-hatred—the sickness that breeds it, the food it feeds on, the disaster it leads to. *The Astrology Racket* takes you behind the scenes of an industry that pulls $200,000,000 a year out of the stars and the public's purse. *This Was Ziegfeld* is a delightful profile from the witty pen of Bernard Sobel . . . Discover for yourself half a dozen other thought-provoking articles in the January MERCURY—plus George Jean Nathan on *The Theatre*, Alan Devoe's fascinating *Down to Earth*, Fiction, Books and Open Forum.

Mercury Authorship and Mercury Readership

Once again Mercury authorship and Mercury readership have proved themselves a combination that "makes things happen." When Emery Reves wanted to reach opinion leaders with his fresh and rather startling views on "How to Civilize Germany", he sent his article to THE AMERICAN MERCURY. Let Mr. Reves tell what happened after publication: "... *newspapers commented editorially . . . some reprinted large portions of the article . . . a number of radio stations broadcast it. I heard that in an important government department it was the subject of lengthy discussions. One Allied embassy sent copies to its home office . . . another forwarded them to the nine governments in London, forming a committee to decide post-war policies toward Germany.*" What happened to the Reves article proves again what has long been recognized—THE MERCURY is the *magazine of opinion that makes things happen.*

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The Washington
Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

BACK IN WHAT seemed like the dim, dark ages when life was relatively simple and this columnist was not a columnist but just a newsman covering the State Department for one paper, we always had a neat way of getting a day off on Christmas.

We wrote a story about Christmas Island. And since there isn't much on Christmas Island except a few coconut trees and some brown-skinned natives, we had to pump the story up a bit by reviving the old question of whether the United States or Great Britain owned the island.

Even this controversy was a bit difficult to get excited about, because neither government wanted Christmas Island. The United States originally discovered it back in the old whaling days, but afterward England claimed it, and, try as hard as we could, we couldn't get Charles E. Hughes or Frank B. Kellogg or Henry L. Stimson or any other Secretary of State to dispute the British claim. They just didn't want Christmas Island.

But we newspapermen did want a day off and since we needed something to write about in advance, we always claimed Christmas Island for the United States anyway. This was not vision on our part; just laziess, ad had othing to do with the fact, that some years later, as war neared, the British raced a destroyer to these Pacific islands in order to claim them as airbase steppingstones to Australia.

SO THINGS CHANGE. And this Christmas I can't write about Christmas Island and don't feel much like writing about anything. I can't even get up any enthusiasm about an old, surefire theme—Christmas in the White House. Sistie and Buzzie are grown up now. Santa Claus Larry Richey, who used to pretend to pop down the fireplace and surprise the Hoover grandchildren is now too wide of girth to do any more pretending. And President Roosevelt this year is too worried about European war developments to spend much time on Christmas.

And when you think about the punishment the boys are aking over there i the muck ad the mud, the rain and the fog, it seems as if you don't want to thing about celebrating Christmas, but only about ways of getting it all over and presenting another war when this is fiished.

Also, you ca't help looking back on the good old times and wondering why we couldn't keep them that way. Things seweed so placid back in the days when Calvin Coolidge used to pass on to his secretaries ad office nstaff the Christmas presets he himself had received one year before. Cal never blived in Christmas shoping, and h would certainly be lucky were he alive today.

THINGS WERE ALMOST as placid in Herbert Hoover's day, when Mr. Hoover, smiling wanly, tried to look pleased initerested while the Hoover grandchildren undid their presents, and while Mrs. Hoover, carrying out an old family ritual, turned out the lights and led the entire party through the house, holding cadles and singing carols.

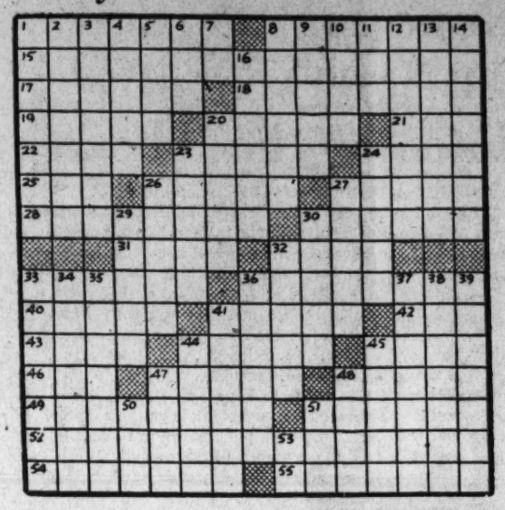
Things were less precise in the early days of the Roosevelts. In fact things were topsy turvy. There were children and grandchildren galore. The Roosevelt boys, home from Harvard, gave holiday dances, at which guests in the know could slip away from the disapproving eye of Mrs. Roosevelt to a bountiful supply of good Bourbon downstairs.

Those were intimate, glorious White House Christmases with Mrs. Roosevelt decorating the tree herself, a special family tree on the second floor hall of the White House, treated with a special fireproof solution and then lit with candles. "For a Christmas tree," says Mrs. Roosevelt, "does not look right without real candles. It must smell of hot evergreen."

No More Happy Isolation

THE PRESIDENT TODAY would like to be celebratnig that kind of Christmas again. So would all of us. We would like to bring back those relatively easy, happy days of a decade ago. Sometimes we think we could have kept out of this mess. Perhaps we could. But down deep in our hearts we doubt it. For we know that in these days of rocket bombs which can fly oceans, and of B29s which can bomb Tokyo, the day will never come again when any country anywhere can live in peaceful, unworried, happy isolation. It just isn't going to be that way anymore.

Today's Cross Word Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Impugn
8 Obliquely
13 Congressman
17 Ready
18 Local types of speech
19 Bused contests
20 Kind of thread
21 Letter
22 Freezer
23 Honey badger
24 Legal wrong
25 View
26 Astronomical cycle
27 Riot
28 Expose to peril
30 Lauds
31 Mottled streaks in mahogany
32 Drink excessively
33 Drops moisture on
36 Opposed to statics
40 Silkworms
41 Lugged
42 Fictitious plaintiff
43 Sibilate
44 Dams
45 Prostrate
46 Noun suffix
47 Thicket
48 Fanon
49 Princess who picked up the golden apples
51 Pertaining to descent on the mother's side
52 Unraveling
54 Perfumed
55 Ancient chariots

DOWN

1 Acquaint
2 Nomad Arab
3 Go
4 Masculine name
5 Tears
6 Reposed
7 Printer's measure
8 Plants of the parsley family
10 Borecole
11 Exist
12 French composer
13 Purveyor
14 Inedible bananas of Ethiopia
16 Newspaper official
20 Household gods
23 Storms
24 Belief
26 White precipitations
27 Was gloomy
29 Ranges
30 Strops
32 Diacritical sign
33 Decapitates
34 Disputations
35 Sickness
36 Middle-Westerner
37 Thought
38 Ridge in a coral
39 Picks
41 Collection of seven things
44 Form of faro
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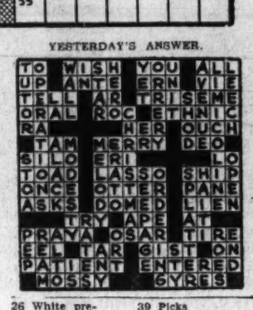
51 Elevated lines: abbr.
53 Goddess of earth

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER.



It Was Christmas Continued From Nov. 19 for Nubbins

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 25 (AP).—Forest (Nubbins) Hoffman, 3, Cheyenne boy who tugged at a Nation's heart, thought today was just a continuation of Christmas.

"Nubbins," wh ohad Christmas November 19 because his parents feared he might not live until today, told his father this morning: "I saw Santa Claus a long time ago."

"He knows it's Christmas," experienced Marshall Hoffman. "But he thinks it's just a continuation and that because of the war and general conditions, Santa Claus got to Cheyenne first and is making other places today."

"Nubbins,' who started recovering after he was operated on at Denver for removal of a bladder obstruction, was able to eat a lot more today than he did November 19. The family had turkey.

"It's really a Thanksgiving dinner," said the happy father.

22 Men Report For Draft Today

Twenty-two District men have been ordered to report for induction today. They are:

Carmelo E. Borzi, Paul Miller, Raymond H. Miller, Paul K. Sitton, William T. Wood, Harold V. Cleveland, Walter Blair, James E. Harris Everett M. Barnett, Rudolph F. Billups, Jesse Cheatham, Claudie Jackson, George W. Kimble, George C. McLeod, Alfred Plaite, John H. Raymond, John E. Watson, Clarence J. Bowden, John L. Donnell, Albert Heard, Hamp Mathes and Raymond Williams.

The Iowa Poll

BREAKFAST EATING REGULAR HABIT IN TALL CORN STATE

DES MOINES, IOWA — Nearly all Iowans begin the day with breakfast, THE IOWA POLL found in a recent survey. Only 5% of the representative cross section polled say they never eat breakfast.

The group was asked, *"Do you eat breakfast every day?"* Replies were:

	Total	City	Town	Farm
No, never	5%	7%	6%	2%
Nearly every day	11	14	12	7
Every day	84	79	82	91

Each person interviewed was handed a card with a group of sample menus, and asked to designate which came closest to his or her typical breakfast. Results follow:

1. Toast or rolls or doughnuts and coffee 35%
2. Fruit, toast or rolls, and coffee .. 14%
3. Toast, cereal and milk, coffee, fruit 24%
4. Toast, egg, coffee, fruit 17%
5. Toast, cereal and milk, bacon, eggs, coffee, fruit 20%

Nutritionists consider menus 3, 4 and 5 adequate as steady diets.

Grouping the findings on the basis of nutritional value, results are:

	Total	Men	Women	City	Town	Farm
Adequate	61%	68%	55%	50%	51%	82%
Inadequate	39	32	45	50	49	18

Surveys comparing the state with the rest of the country show that more Iowans eat breakfast, and that more make a large meal of breakfast.

While Iowans have responded to the emphasis placed on the war time importance of this meal, most Iowans, and particularly the predominate farm element, have always eaten a hearty breakfast.

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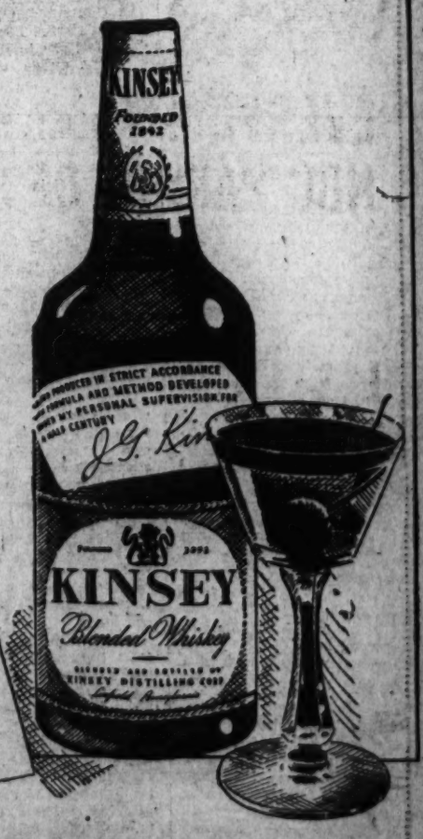

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Early End of Aid To Soviet Doubted

By International News Service

High Government spokesmen radned as "mere speculatio" last night a widely circulated report that lend-lease would end for Russia with termination of pending commitments and that the Soviet purchasing commission would be lquidated by next summer.

The was shared by sources close to tot Rusian Embassay, who declared Moscow's first aim is to win the war ad worry about peacetime trade after defeat of the Axis.

The report was published in the current isuse of the National Associalion ofanufacturers' News, which attributed the forecast to a "top" Federal official.

'Pretty Broad Prediction"

According to the NAM report, Russia plans to return "all buying and selling transactios" in the United State to Amtorg, the New York Soviet agency, by the time summer comes.

A spokesman for the Foreign Economics Administration, which has charge of lend-lease, pointed out Russia is eligible to such aid as long as the war against Germany continues, and probably for six months thereafter.

"The NAM prediction is merely another way of jumping at the conclusion that the war against the Reich will end in victory by next summer" he said.

"That's a pretty broad prediction just now," he added, warning against "overoptimism about the European war."

He pointed out that the Soviet Union is not at war with Hitler's Asiatic Axis partner, Japan—and that unless Moscow joined the struggle against the Nipponese, her lend-lease automatically will end after Hitler's downfall.

Various Plans Reported

Should the Russians join the United States and Great Britain in the war against Japan after Germany's downfall, he observed, they probably would continue to receive lend-lease for the duration of the conflict in the Far East.

The NA Mnews said it had been informed by sources close to Russian officials here that the Administration's program called for a number of plans for financing foreign trade after the war.

One of these was said to be expansion of the Export-Import Bank to allow loans to foreign governments for approved purchases in the United States, with the Government assuming the loss in case of default.

Another was extension of loans by the Reconstruction Finance Corp. to American manufacturers "who offer attractive credit terms to foreign purchasers."

Would Insure Exporters

"In case of default under this plan," the NAM reported, "the manufacturers would assume the loss."

The NAM said it had learned another plan was the selling of Government insurance to exporters for a nominal fee—with the exporter "who grants short-terr credit" being insured against loss.

Still another reported plan would guarantee the exporter to reimburse his losses, "up to 50 per cent."

"Under this lan," the NAM said, "the taxpayer would assume the burden of all claims.

"In addition to these, which are solely United States lansp for purchases in the United States, Congress would be asked to approve the Bretton Woods proposal which creates an 18-billion-dollar pool of short-term and long-term credit, of which the United States would subscribe $5,925,000,000.'

Burton Plan Would Let D. C. Vote With Md.

Senator Harold H. Burton (R., Ohio, Saturday released for public "reaction," tentative details of his plan to franchise residents of the District by allowing them to vote as part of Maryland in national elections.

Embodied in a proposed joint resolution calling for an amendment to the Constitution, the plan would not only allow the disfranchised people here to vote for President and Vice President, but would give the District, on the basis of the present population, two Representatives of its own in the House "elected at large." Maryland's two Senators would represent the District in the Senate.

The resolution also would extend the voting privilege to residents of Indian Head, Md., and other Government reservations throughout the country.

The resolution stipulates that the District shall be "deemed" a part of Maryland which ceded it, for the purpose of participating in national elections, and shall have "all the rights, privileges and duties of citizens" of that State.

Government reservations would be "deemed" a part of the States in which they are located for the purpose of franchisement.

Burton said he had not decided whether to introduce the resolution when the new Congress convenes, since the plan for suffrage contemplated in the Sumners-Capper plan is approved, it should be broadened to franchise residents on governmet reservations, who like residents of the District, are voteless.

Woman Marches On

Lawrence, Kans. (U.P.)—The University Press at the University of Kanses here is gradually becoming a "no man's land," according to T. C. Ryther, director. The Press, which has long been a realm held sacred to men, now employs three women students as a press feeder, addressograph operator and praphotype operator.

Grin and Bear It

By Lichty

"There just doesn't seem to be any end to the things the Army has taught our young men to do!"

2000 'Give' Yule Day's Work In Shipyard to Fighting Men

Brunswick, Ga., Dec. 25 (AP).—More than 1500 shipyard employes voluntarily gave up their Christmas holiday today to work without pay on a cargo carrying vessel as a Chrsitmas gift to the men on the fighting fronts.

A nadditional 500 volunteered slimlarly for the night shift.

The workers are among the 13,000 employes of the J. A. Jones Construction Co. Those who volunteered today helped to speed construction on the seventh merchant vessel built at the yard here this month.

Scores of office workers joined with members of Brunswick families in helping serve the employes free meals donated by the shipyard cafeteria.

E. J. Kratt, general manager, and other officers of the plant were among the volunteer cafeteria workers.

Government regulations require that th eworkers be paid but sponsors of the move requested a separate payroll so that those who worked today could indorse their checks over tothe Treasury Department in Washington.

A Brunswick resident, dressed as Santa Claus, boarded the vessel to congratulate the workers and then grabbed a torch and put in some licks.

Michigan Parties to Hold Conventions in Detroit

Lansing, Mich. (U.P.)—Michigan State conventions of the Republican and Democratic parties will be held in Detroit this spring. Purpose of the convention will be to select delegates to the national party consloves.

The Democratic State meeting is set for April 14, while the Republicans meet April 20.

High-ranking Michigan Democrats will gather on the eve of the State convention for their annual $25 per plate Jackson ay dinner in Detroit's Book-Cadillac Hotel. National Democratic Chairman Robert E. Hannegan will be the speaker.

Lewis Plans Assault on Pay Formula

By the United Press

President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers, is mapping an assault on the Little Steel wage ceiling formula which his American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization rivals have failed to break in more than a year of trying.

Lewis will present a demand for a general wage increase in excess of the formula, which limits raises to 15 per cent above the January, 1941, level, at his first contract negotiation meeting with the coal operators next next March 1.

The UMW demand will be conditioned upon the progress of the war and will be larger if Germany is beaten, because of anticipated production cutbacks. The present two-year agreement expires March 31, 1945.

UMW leaders are attempting to arrange hotel accommodations for the wage negotiations so that the several hundred members of the policy committee may assemble for preliminary sessions in February. There is a possibility the meetings may be held in New York but the hotel situation there also is serious.

Lewis' official publication has repeatedly expressed contempt of CIO and AFL failure to win a revision in the Nation's basic wage stabilization policy.

Joint Hearings Again Urged For D. C. Bills

A proposal for joint hearings of the Senate and House District Committee on important local legislation, a plan first advanced 12 years ago by Representative Mary T. Norton (D., N. J.), was revived Saturday by Representative Jennings Randolph (D., W. Va.).

He said he would suggest the plan to the congressional committee recently created to modernize procedure in the Senate and House.

Joint hearings, Randolph believes, would save the time of both members of Congress and witnesses, and expedite action on legislation.

The last joint hearing of the two District committees was on a bill which later became the District liquor control law.

Randolph eight years ago succeeded Mrs. Norton as chairman of the House District Committee.

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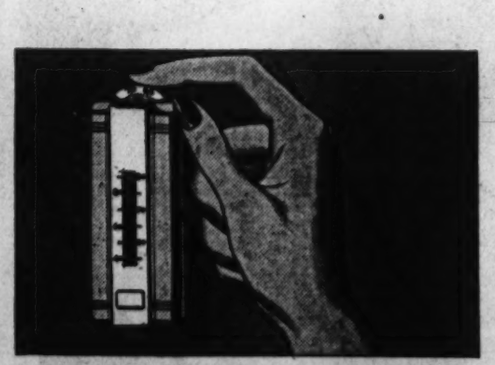

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Saipan Grave Scene Teaches Writer Humility

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I've been out in the Pacific, friend, nearly 25,000 miles of it; out there amid the mud and mosquitoes, where your son, or maybe your brother, are giving and taking it the hard way. Out there where December 25 can mean little more than a spot on the calendar.

Don't get me wrong, brother. I'm not preaching to you. And I'm no expert. Just a reporter.

You know, before this trip I'm telling you about, I thought I was right smart. Knew the Pacific like a book, I did. Just anyone ask me where is Matsuva, or Los Negros, or Aitape, I'd give the answer like that. Sure knew my geography. But ask me what's a couple of thousand square miles of ocean like or how sharp is coral? or How slimy is mud? And how lonesome it is away from home? Brother, imagine my embarrassment!

Well, one day in November, Secretary of Navy Jim Forrestal wanders into the Nav pressroom and says how about running out to the Pacific fo ra close-up of the real thing. Reporters aren't constitutional yes men, but we say okay to this and quick. Next thing we know we're flying.

A Lot of Geography

In the next three weeks, an awful lot of geography came to life for us. Honolulu, Eniwetok, Saipan, Guam, Ulithe, Pelelieu, Angaur, Leyte, Hollandia, Manus, Los Negros, Kwajalein and more. Only three weeks? Sure. But even a civilian can jump for a ditch in a hurry when there's a Japanese plane on the make. And it doesn't take him long to know a jungle when he's in one; to curse the mud when it climbs to his hips; yes, and even make a banquet out of canned vienna sausages.

Sounds rugged, doesn't it? But there was lots more I saw, stuff that smacked me right between the eyes and made me wonder whether buying bonds, giving blood or rolling bandages at the Red Cross was enough.

There was that day in the cemetery on Saipan where we say a big bruiser of a marine sergeant stand beside a grave and read a letter aloud to a buddy who couldn't hear.

And there were those Superfort kids, who laughed and joked as they got their B-29s ready for the trip to Tokyo—and maybe back.

Yes, sir, I learned humiilty on Saipan!

Mud and Japs

On Guam, I found out about mud—red, sticky stuff that piled up on the soles of your shoes until you thought you were on stilts. And in the jungles there, with its hundreds, perhaps thousands of hiding holdout Japs, I learned the real meaning of fear.

There was lots of shooting going on at Peleliu when we got there. About 600 Japanese were still up on Bloody Nose Ridge, fighting it out to the bitter end. Maybe it was an accident, or downright rudeness to a group of departing guests, but those Nips tossed a mortar shell down on to the edge of the airstrip as our plane taxied for the takeoff.

Ten minutes flight away was Angaur. From the air, it looked like a flat pancake of an island. But it was no pushover for our boys. In the heart of the island is the old phosphate quarry the boys have named The Bowl. A lot of American blood was spilled there, amid the gray coral boulders and sharp-edged coral pinnacles that cover the bottom.

Hospital Behind the Lines

Leyte was next. They let us stay only eight hours. Our plane was big and they didn't wasilOaim was big and they didn't want to leave a juicy target aruond when the Japs came in for their evening run over the airfield. But they were eight crowded hours. Jap planes came over five times.

We rode in a jeep to a hospital about 15 miles behind the front lines. The place was jammed with wounded and more were coming in all the time. Army nurses moved among the cots quietly and efficiently. Helping them were volunteers, young, barefooted Filipino girls in white-starched dreses.

I stood in the doorway and watched the drenching downpaur. A young officer was nearby, reading na old newspaper. The Germans, a headline proclaimed, had made another of their classic strategic withdrawals. He showed me the headline and grunted.

"Hell," he said, pointing toward the front lines, "those little bastards we're fighting up there don't know the meaning of strategic retreat."

That's my story, fellow civilian. Merry Christmas.

BARNABY

By Crockett Johnson

It's an ermine wrap for Mom. Mr. O'Malley just gave it to me upstairs—
O'Malley? He's upstairs? Now?
Officer, this Mr. O'Malley he's referring to is only a—
Quiet, you! And stay right where you are!
Us? Goodness!
Listen, up there! O'Malley! You're washed up! Come down with your mitts in the air!
But—
Gosh. Will he arrest my Fairy Godfather?
CROCKETT JOHNSON

WINC

1400 Kilocycles

TUESDAY

MORNING

10:45 Listening Post.
11:00 Breakfast at Sardi's.
11:30 Kellogg News.
11:45 Wheel of Fortune.

AFTERNOON

12:00 Old Corrail.
12:15 Variety Melodies.
12:30 Farm and Home.
1:00 Baukhage.
1:15 Radio Bible School.
1:45 Jack Little.
2:00 News.
2:10 Ladies Be Seated.
3:00 Morton Downey
3:15 Star Time.
3:30 Appointment with Life.
3:45 Ethel and Albert.
4:00 Ozark Ramblers
4:15 Rev. Harry James.
4:30 Time Views the News.
4:45 Sea Hound
5:00 Terry and the Pirates.
5:15 Dick Tracy
5:30 Jack Armstrong.
5:45 Captain Midnight.

EVENING

6:00 Don't You Believe It.
6:15 Manhunt.
6:30 Reveries.
6:45 Henry Taylor News.
7:00 Concert.
7:15 Modern Romances.
7:30 Concert Hall.
8:00 News
8:15 Lum and Abner.
8:30 Duffy's.
9:00 Famous Jury Trials.
9:30 Spotlight Band
10:00 Raymond Gram Swing.
10:15 Miracles and Melodies.

WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

TUESDAY

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WFVA

MORNING

7:30 Music.
8:00 Martin Agronsky.
8:15 Salvation Army.
8:30 News Summary.
8:45 Hombert Family.
9:00 Breakfast Club.
10:00 True Story.
10:30 Kay Armen.
10:45 Listening Post.
11:00 Breakfast at Sardi's.
11:30 Gil Martyn: News.
11:45 Gossip for Girls.
12:00 Hit Band.

AFTERNOON

12:15 Luncheon Dancing.
12:30 Farm and Home Hour.
1:00 Baukage: News.
1:30 Concert Hall.
2:00 Kiernan's Corner.
2:15 Hollywood Show.
2:30 Ladies Be Seated.
2:45 Money Man.
3:00 Morton Downey.
3:15 Star Time.
3:30 Appointment With Life.
4:00 Ethel and Albert.
4:15 Don Norman Show.
4:30 Time Views the News.
4:45 Hop Harrigan.
5:00 Terry and the Pirates
5:15 Dick Tracey
5:30 Jack Armstrong.
5:45 Twilight Reveries.
6:00 TWUA-CIO.
6:30 Dinner Concert.
6:45 News: Henry J. Taylor.
7:00 Music.
7:15 Sign Off.

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WSVA

550 Kilocycles

TUESDAY

MORNING

6:30 Rev. Maiden.
6:45 News and Markets.
7:00 Red Belcher.
7:15 Trading Post.
7:30 News.
7:45 Plough Boys.
8:00 Curley Joe.
8:15 Smiles.
8:30 Lee Moore.
9:00 Kitchen Frolic.
9:30 Johnson Trio.
9:45 Mixing Bowl.
10:00 Buddy Starcher.
10:30 Service Program.
10:45 Woman's Page of the Air.
11:00 News.
11:15 Reed Organ.
11:30 Lee Moore.

AFTERNOON

12:00 News and Juanita.
12:15 V. Farmers.
12:30 News.
12:45 Markets
1:00 Lee Moore.
1:15 Campfire Roundup.
2:00 News.
2:15 Town Crier
2:30 Buddy Starcher.
3:00 Lee Moore.
3:30 News.
3:45 Afternoon Varieties.
4:00 Road of Life.
4:15 Life Can Be Beautiful.
4:30 Ma Perkins.
4:45 News
5:00 Story Lady.
5:15 Jimmy Allen.
5:30 Hayden Family.
5:45 News: Markets.
6:00 Sign Off.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION.
Harrisonburg, Va.

WJEJ

1240 Kilocycles

TUESDAY

MORNING

7:00 Early Birds
8:00 News. Early Bird.
8:45 Family Altar
9:00 Organ Melodies.
9:30 Modern Romances.
9:45 Bandstand.
10:00 News. B. Repaid.
10:15 Morning Devotions.
10:30 Shady Valley Folks
11:00 Arthur Gaeth.
11:15 Saddle Pals.
11:45 Health Talk
11:50 Interlude.

AFTERNOON

12:00 News; Gabriel Heatter.
12:30 Farm Extension.
12:45 U. S. Marine Band.
1:00 Ray Daly.
1:15 Terry's House Party
1:30 Paula Stone and Phil Brito.
1:45 Am. Women's Jury
2:00 Cedric Foster.
2:15 Saddle Pals.
2:30 Open House.
2:45 True Detective Mysteries.
3:00 Morton Downey.
3:15 Hasten the Day.
3:30 Quiet Hour.
3:45 Time Was.
4:05 Romantic Cycle.
4:15 Johnson Family.
4:30 Zeb Carver.
4:45 Handy Man.
5:00 On the Bandstand
5:15 Interlude.
5:30 Superman.
5:45 Tom Mix.

EVENING

6:00 News, Sports.
6:15 Texaco Time.
6:30 Candlelight and Silver.
7:00 Fulton Lewis, jr.
7:15 Organ Melodies.
7:30 Confidentially Yours.
7:45 Music and Lyrics.
8:00 Frank Singiser.
8:15 Sunny Skylar.
8:30 Roy Rogers Show
9:00 Gabriel Heatter.
9:15 Piano Fantasy.
9:30 American Forum.
10:15 Paul Schubert.
10:30 Dance Orchestra.
11:00 Band Stand.
11:05 Sports Parade.
11:20 Sign Off.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.

Candy

HI, TED, GUESS WHAT? I'VE DREAMED UP A HONEY OF A NAME FOR OUR JIVE CLUB!
SPILL IT, CANDY! GIVE OUT!
WE'LL CALL OURSELVES THE WHIRL-A-GATORS! ISN'T THAT KEEN?
OH, BROTHER, WHAT A HANDLE!
NOW DON'T BE A LONE GOON, YOU BIG DROOLIE! EVERYONE ELSE THINKS THE NAME IS REALLY SOLID!
THEY DO?
YES, AND ISN'T IT JUST TOO FORTUNATE THAT THIS SWEATER I PICKED UP AT THE RUMMAGE SALE HAS THE EXACT INITIAL ON IT?

WCHV

1450 Kilocycles

TUESDAY

MORNING

7:00 Musical Clock.
7:25 News.
7:30 Musical Clock.
8:00 Martin Agronsky.
8:15 Morning Melodies.
8:30 News.
8:45 Lucky Lady.
9:00 Breakfast Club.
10:00 True Story.
10:30 Sunny Side of the Street.
10:45 Listening Post.
11:00 Breakfast at Sardi's.
11:30 News Summary.
11:45 Jack Berch.

AFTERNOON

12:00 Glamour Manor.
12:30 Noontime Devotions.
12:45 Town Crier.
1:00 Baukhage Talking.
1:15 Music of the Masters.
1:45 Show Tune Time.
2:00 News, Kiernan.
2:15 Mystery Chef
2:30 Ladies Be Seated.
3:00 Morton Downey
3:15 20th Century Serenade.
3:45 Sincerely Yours.
4:00 Ethes and Albert.
4:15 Easy Rhythm.
4:30 Christmas Stories.
4:45 Hop Harrigan
5:00 Terry and the Pirates.
5:15 Dick Tracy.
5:30 Jack Armstrong.
5:45 Tiny Rhythm Roundup.

EVENING

6:00 News: Music.
6:15 Texas Rangers.
6:30 News: Music.
6:45 Henry J. Taylor.
7:00 Songs America Sings.
7:15 Treasury Salute.
7:30 Longine's Symphonette.
8:00 News.
8:15 Lum 'n' Abner.
8:30 Allan Young.
9:00 Gracie Fields.
9:30 Spotlight Bands.
9:55 Sports.
10:00 Raymond Gram Swings.
10:15 Andy Russell, Songs.
10:30 Let Yourself Go.
11:00 Music You Want.
11:30 Metropolitan, USA.
11:55 News.
12:00 Sign Off.

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WFMD

930 Kilocycles

TUESDAY

MORNING

6:00 Sign on: Uncle Joe.
6:45 Cordwood.
7:00 News; Sunrise Salute.
8:00 News of World.
8:15 The Jubilaires.
8:30 Community News.
8:45 Morning Devotions.
9:15 School of the Air.
9:45 This Life Is Mine.
10:00 News.
10:05 Your Bible Messenger.
10:30 Changing World.
10:45 Sweet Singer of Gospel Songs.
11:00 W. C. T. U.
11:15 Doc Williams.
11:30 Bright Horizons.
11:45 Farm Time with Uncle Joe.

AFTERNOON

12:00 Bedford Milling News.
12:15 Big Sister.
12:30 Helen Trent.
12:45 Our Gal Sunday.
1:00 Familiar Hymns.
1:30 Millie and Mollie.
1:45 Doc Williams.
2:00 News.
2:05 Dixie Rogers.
2:30 The Pilot Program.
3:00 Mary Marlin
3:15 Merrill Fennigan.
3:30 High Places.
3:45 Bob Trout.
4:00 Service Time.
4:30 Raymond Scott Show.
5:00 Sing Along Club.
5:15 Name You Will Remember.
5:30 Tin Soldier.
5:45 Sports Parade.

EVENING

6:00 Quincy Howe: News.
6:15 Edwin C. Hill.
6:30 Ted Husing.
6:45 Dinner Music.
7:15 Music That Satisfies.
7:45 Hasten the Day.
8:00 Yours for the Asking.
8:55 News.
9:00 Burns and Allen.
9:30 Broadway Bandwagon.
10:00 Service to the Front.
10:30 Congress Speaks.
10:45 Behind the Scenes at CBS.
11:00 World News.
11:15 Danny O'Neill, Songs.
11:30 Casey, Press Photographer.
12:00 News: Sign Off.

MONOCACY BROADCASTING CO.
Frederick, Md.

Airline Is Only Link For Lake Erie Islands

New York (U.P.).—The story of a unique airlnie that keeps four ice-bound Lake Erie islands connected with Port Clinton, Ohio, nearest largest city throughout the winter, is told in Air Transport Magazine.

Tons of fish, sewing machines, mail and groceries, and even bodies, are transported to the city from a small field at the northernmost island, Everyone has had a ride in a plane if he lives on South Bass, Middle Bass, North Bass or Kelleys Islands, near the Canadian line. That's the only way to get off in winter.

A pilot who turned down a job after loading 72 cases of wine in the Ford trimotor plane service established in 1930 by Milton Hersberger, told Hersberger: You don't want a pilot. What you need is a piano mover who can fly."

What's Going On And Where

Entertainment for Service Men and Women

Victory Canteen for Servicemen, 1113 Pennsylvania ave. nw., 10 a. m.

Army-Navy Masonic Servicemen's Center, 13th and New York ave. nw., 1 p. m.

Servicemen's Ticket Booth, E st. and Pennsylvania ave. nw., 4 to 8:30 p. m.

Pepsi-Cola Canteen for Servicemen of the United Nations, 13th and G sts. nw., checking, showers and lounge, all day.

Stage Door Canteen, Benny Riddle's Orchestra, 7 p. m.; Nat Bradywine Orchestra, 9:40 p. m.; Gayety theater, 11:15 p. m.

USO, 801 Market space nw., voice recording, 6 p. m.; Glee Club, 8:30 p. m.; social hour, 9:30 p. m.

USO, 1911 H st. nw., cooking and sewing, 7:30 p. m.; choral club, 8 p. m.

USO, 1736 G st. nw., sightseeing, 1:30 p. m.; musical echoes, 6 to 7 p. m.; movies, 7:45 p. m.; bingo, 9 p. m.; bridge instructions, 8 p. m.

Swimming, USO, National Jewish Welfare Board, 1529 16th st. nw., servicemen only, 12 noon to 10 p. m.

Breakfast, Luncheon and Meetings

Washington Breakfast Group, Statler Hotel, 8:45 a. m.

Dartmouth Club, Anacostia Hotel, 12:30 p. m.

Conference, board of directors, Soroptimist Club, Willard Hotel, 8 p. m.

Meeting, Collectors Club, Branch 5, SPA, Thomson Community Center, 12th and L sts. nw., 8 p. m.

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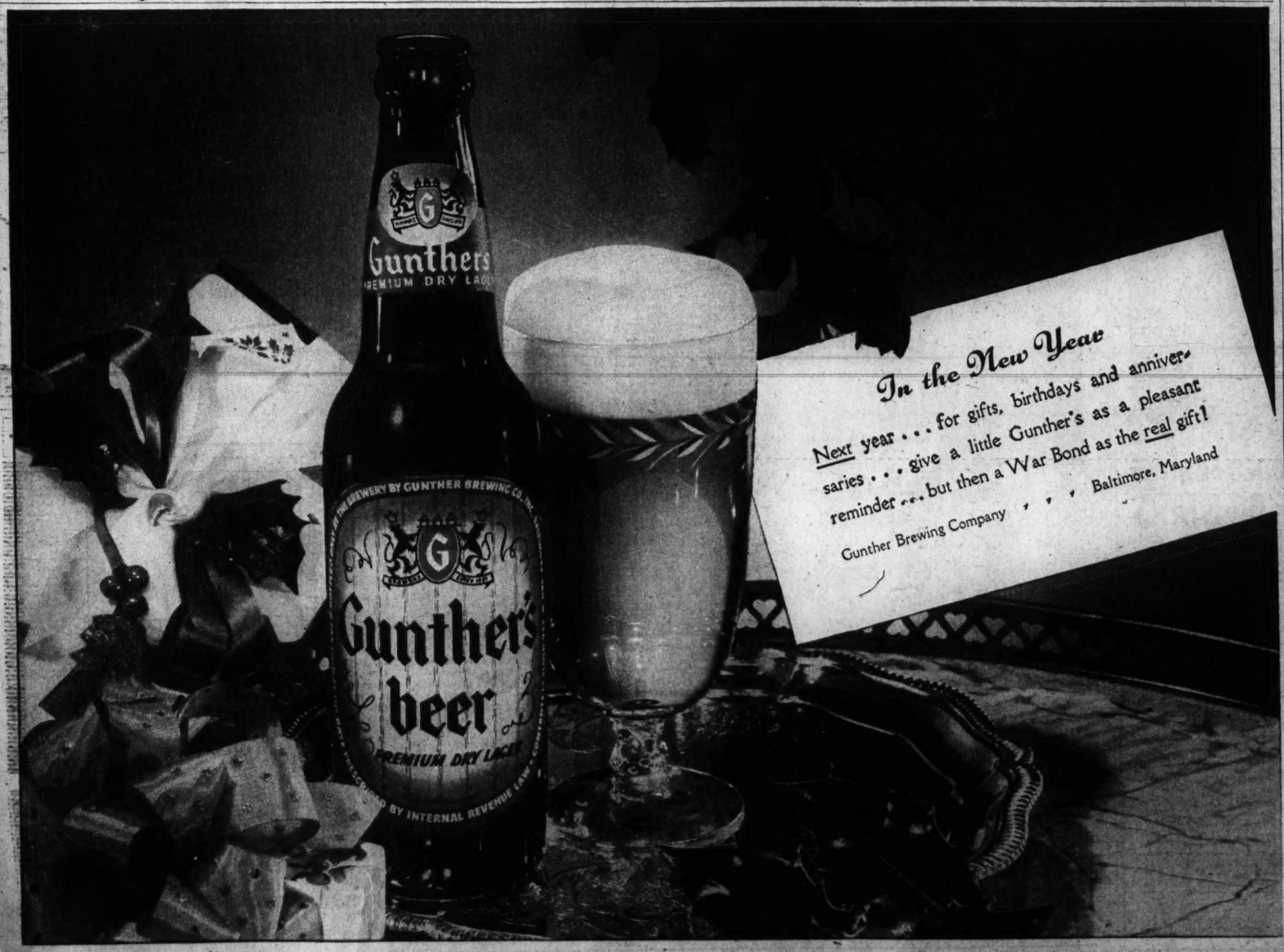
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Children's Country Home Plans Christmas Party for 25 Tots

Twenty-five little tots on the "convalescent list" at Children's Country Home, ranging in age from 6 months to 6 years, saw Santa Claus in the persons of members of the board of managers of the home who staged a Christmas party Friday at 3 p. m. at 16th and Bunker Hill rd. ne.

Youngest guests at the home this year are two baby sisters, born six months ago with another sister (triplets) in one of the local hospitals. One baby died and the two remaining will stay at Children's Country Home until their feeding problems are solved and they are able to join their family which already boasts 15 other children.

The oldest, a 6-year-old little girl who is overcoming a psychological upset and speech defect by associating with other children at the home, will celebrate her first truly "Merry Christmas" this year.

Mrs. Keating Is President

Mrs. Edward Keating is president of the board of managers of this Community Chest agency, which devotes its time to looking after young "guests" sent to the home to convalesce from illnesses not serious enough to keep them in hospitals, but which can't be properly taken care of in their homes because of insufficient income or inadequate housing.

The nonsectarian year-round home has a capacity of 43 youngsters who are usually admitted upon recommendations and referral by physicians, welfare agencies or hospital social service departments. They are carefully nursed back to health by trained nurses and are under constant care of a physician.

Care is given free in many cases, but where parents are able, payments are arranged in accordance with ability to pay.

Other officers of the board include Mrs. Nathan Scott, vice president; Mrs. J. Butler Wright, treasurer; Mrs. Arthur S. Lord, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Richard Griffin, recording secretary.

Mrs. Anderson on Board

Also Mrs. Chandler Anderson, Mrs. Paul Bastedo, Mrs. John Begg, Mrs. Thomas Brown, jr., Mrs. Eugene Carusi, Mrs. C. Thomas Clagett, jr., Mrs. Philip O. Coffin, Mrs. Charles E. Courtney, Mrs. Archibald Davis, Miss Emily Davis, Mrs. W. Jasper DuBose, Mrs. Stephen Elkins, Miss Margaret Frazer, Mrs. A. Y. P. Garnett, jr., Mrs. Lawrence Groner, Mrs. George Gordon, Mrs. Randall H. Hagner, sr., Mrs. Randall H. Hagner, jr., Mrs. B. Laureston Hardin, jr., Mrs. Leland Harrison and Mrs. Parmely Herrick.

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Child's Crying May Indicate An Irritation

By Myrtle Meyer Eldred

If a child cries a good share of each day there is a reason for it. Whining and crying indicate a chronic state of irritation, and it is useless to punish a child for either until every possible cause for it has been explored.

Just what situations in the home might make for this constant irritation? A common cause is lack of sufficient rest. Children run and play far beyond the point of reasonableness. They have to be engineered into rest periods and always they should go to bed early at night.

Under-nournishment causes a child to be ill-tempered and always on the verge of tears.

Let Child Play Outside

Keeping a child penned up in the house is a prime cause of chronic fretfulness. A child can't be "good" all the time and play quietly with his crayons or scissors.

He has to run and jump and climb and yell, none of which activities is particularly suited to the house and gets him a scolding when instead he should be sent out to run off his irritation.

Resent Punishment

Children too often feel a sense of deep resentment at the punishments they suffer. The water is no less spilled because the child intended only to water the plants, or add some to the goldfish bowl or wash up the bathroom floor. But he cannot but feel a great sense of injustice when all the parent sees is that he dropped the pail of water.

Children may be chronically unhappy because they do not feel secure in the parent's affection. Children get so many scoldings and parents are always so intent on fitting them into a pattern of behavior they consider to be desirable that it isn't much wonder children feel unhappy and unworthy.

Our leaflet, "Meals for the School Child," may be had by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Myrtle Meyer Eldred, The Washington Post.

It Takes a Queen To Convince Granny She's in England

Granny was in her small cottage in Limburg province. Nearby units of Americans were battling the Nazis. Suddenly a bomb landed near the cottage and when American ambulance men came searching through the wreckage, they found Granny unhurt, but too dazed to answer their questions.

"Another hospital case," they decided, and before Granny had regained her speech she was bundled into a plane. By the time she had come back to normal they were in a strange place where people spoke an unfamiliar tongue. She jabbered at everyone in her native tongue but got no satisfaction. Everyone just smiled kindly and patted her shoulder. Granny got madder and madder. Finally, in the hospital, they brought a Netherlands nurse. She explained to the old lady that she was now in England.

"Well," said Granny doubtfully, "if this is England, then our Queen is here. I won't believe you until I have seen the Queen." When Queen Wilhelmina was informed of the case, she went to the hospital to see the old lady. For a long time she sat at her bedside and asked her about conditions in her town and about events of the last few days. When the Queen left, Granny was satisfied that she was really in England. She is contentedly waiting now for things to return to normal so that she can go back to her rebuilt cottage in Holland.

Here for Holiday

Miss Emilie Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Henry Jones, and Miss Ann Guthrie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Guthrie, have arrived to spend the holidays with their parents.

Died 1

BLYTHE, CLARENCE W. On Saturday, December 23, 1944, CLARENCE W. BLYTHE of 212 Jefferson st. nw., beloved husband of Gertrude M. Blythe and father of Mrs. Florence Marie Watts. Services at the S. H. Hines Co. funeral home, 2901 14th st. nw., on Wednesday, December 27, at 8:30 a. m.; thence to the Church of the Nativity, 13th and Peabody sts. nw., where mass will be offered at 9 a. m. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

CARTER, EDITH E. On Saturday, December 23, 1944, EDITH E. CARTER, the beloved wife of Frank A. Carter and mother of Harold James and Lieut. Richard Francis Carter, USA. Services at W. W. Deal funeral home, 4812 Ga. ave. nw., on Tuesday, December 26, at 8 p. m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment private.

DROOP, ELFREDA SELLHAUSEN. On Saturday, December 23, 1944, at Georgetown University Hospital, ELFREDA SELLHAUSEN DROOP, beloved wife of the late Carl A. Droop. Services will be held at the Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G st. nw., at 3 p. m. Tuesday, December 26. Interment private at Oak Hill Cemetery.

DUNKLEY, WILLIAM. On Saturday, December 23, 1944, at his residence, 4430 Ord st. ne., WILLIAM DUNKLEY, beloved husband of the late Annie V. Dunkley and father of Mazy, Nellie, Clara, Ester and Charles W. Dunkley, Mrs. Etta Kraft and Mrs. Blanche Lewis. Friends are invited to call at the Lee funeral home, 4th st. and Mass. ave. ne., where services will be held on Tuesday, December 26, at 12:30 p. m. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

DWYER, JOHN. On Friday, December 22, 1944, at Roanoke, Va., JOHN DWYER, formerly of Baltimore, Md., beloved husband of Alice E. Dwyer (nee Elda Jones). Services at the S. H. Hines Co. funeral home, 2901 14th st. nw., on Wednesday, December 27, at 2 p. m. Interment Glenwood Cemetery.

FINDLAY, MARY J. On Friday, December 23, 1944, at New York City, MARY J. FINDLAY, beloved wife of Robert E. Findlay of 9011 Broad Branch rd. nw. Remains resting at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase funeral home of Wm. Reuben Pumphrey. Services Tuesday, December 26, at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Chevy Chase Circle, where requiem mass will be offered at 9:30 a. m. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, near Rockville, Md.

GAUSS, CHESTER A. Suddenly, on Friday, December 22, 1944, at New York City, N. Y., CHESTER A. GAUSS, beloved brother of Herman C., Clarence E. and Harry W. Gauss. Services at the S. H. Hines Co. funeral home, 2901 14th st. nw., on Tuesday, December 26, at 2 p. m. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

GOGGIN, ROBERT E. Suddenly, on Friday, December 22, 1944, ROBERT E. GOGGIN, beloved husband of Marian Goggin of 4418 Harrison st. nw. Remains resting at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase funeral home of Wm. Reuben Pumphrey. Services Wednesday, December 27, at St. Ann's Church, 4400 Wisconsin ave. nw. Requiem mass will be offered at 9 a. m. Interment Arlington National Cemetery.

HANNA, SCOTT CLAY. On Saturday, December 23, 1944, at his residence, 5414 Massachusetts st. nw., SCOTT CLAY HANNA, husband of Elouise White Hanna and father of William Henry and Richard Granville Hanna. Services will be held at Gawler's chapel, 1750 Pa. ave. nw., on Wednesday, December 27, at 4 p. m. Interment Terre Haute, Ind.

HINKLE, ANNA H. On Saturday, December 23, 1944, ANNA H. HINKLE of 475 18th st. nw., [illegible] of Venita M. Hinkle. Services will be held at Gawler's chapel, 1750 Pa. ave. nw., on Tuesday, December 26, at 2:30 p. m. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

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HUGHES, JOHN W. On Friday, December 22, 1944, at Georgetown Hospital, JOHN W. HUGHES, the beloved husband of Dolly L. Hughes and father of Technical Sergt. John W., jr., Flight Officer Robert L., Caroline V., Cynthia M. Hughes, Mrs. Evelyn Allen, Mrs. Virginia Kennedy, Mrs. Frances Bernhard, Mrs. Joan Sey, Mrs. Betty Bell and Mrs. Shirley Allen, and sister of Mrs. Ruth Bishop, Miss Margaret Bartell and Mrs. Virginia Thurston. Services at Chambers funeral home, 517 11th st. se., on Tuesday, December 26, at 2:30 p. m. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

JENKINS, ALICE A. On Saturday, December 23, 1944, at her home, Burtonsville, Md., ALICE A. JENKINS, beloved wife of Lawrence L. Jenkins. Mrs. Jenkins rests at the Warner E. Pumphrey funeral home, 8434 Ga. ave., Silver Spring, Md., where services will be held on Tuesday, December 26, at 2 p. m. Interment Rock Creek Cemetery.

JOHNSON, FRANCES D. On Friday, Dec. 22, 1944, at the U. S. N. Medical Center, FRANCES D. JOHNSON, Ens. (N. C.), U. S. N., retired, the beloved sister of Mrs. Alva Conner and Mrs. E. C. H. Bantel. Remains resting at Chambers funeral home, 1400 Chapin st. nw. Funeral services at Fort Myer Chapel on Tuesday, December 26, at 2 p. m. Interment Arlington National Cemetery.

LE VAN, ELSIE HOSFELD. On Saturday, December 23, 1944, at her residence, 1711 19th st. nw., ELSIE HOSFELD LE VAN, beloved wife of Herbert M. Le Van. Remains resting at S. H. Hines Co., 2901 14th st. nw., until 10 p. m. Tuesday, December 26. Services and interment Harrisburg, Pa.

O'CONNOR, CHARLES. On Friday, December 22, 1944, CHARLES O'CONNOR, beloved husband of Lillian O'Connor (nee Miller) and father of Mrs. Virginia O. C. Colvin and Mary Ellen O'Connor and brother of Edward O'Connor. Funeral from his late residence, 903 Jefferson st. nw., on Tuesday, December 26, at 8:30 a. m.; thence to the Church of Nativity. Where mass will be offered at 9 a. m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Chestnut Grove, Herndon, Va.

PIESS, HAZEL L. On Saturday, December 23, 1944, at her residence, 1833 T pl. se., HAZEL L. PIESS, beloved wife of Dunbar M. Piess, mother of Nancy D. Piess, daughter of Mary V. Cockrill. Services at Chambers funeral home, 517 11th st. se., on Tuesday, December 26, at 11 a. m. Interment Warrenton, Va.

THOMPSON, SARAH E. On Saturday, December 23, 1944, at her residence, 2130 32d st. se., SARAH E. THOMPSON, beloved wife of Robert A. Thompson, and sister of Margaret A. Phillips, Odille S. Collins, Charles H. and William T. Olive. Funeral from the James T. Ryan funeral home, 317 Pa. ave. se., on Tuesday, December 26, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

WELLS, LUCY ANN. On Saturday, December 23, 1944, at her home, Upper Marlboro, Md., LUCY ANN WELLS, wife of Albert William Wells. Friends are invited to call at Ritchie Bros. funeral home, Upper Marlboro. Services at St. Mary's Church, Upper Marlboro, where mass will be offered on Wednesday, December 27, at 9:30 a. m. Interment Mount Carmel Cemetery.

YOUNGERMAN, ANNA M. On Saturday, December 23, 1944, ANNA M. YOUNGERMAN, beloved wife of George Youngerman and mother of Mrs. Dorothy Allen and Harry Subenk and sister of George and Pearce Bowers and Mrs. C. M. Wenrich. Services at the W. W. Deal funeral home, 816 H st. ne., on Tuesday, December 26, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Mary Haworth's Mail

Girl Hesitates to Marry Man on Learning He Has Contracted to Buy Share in Large House Occupied by Three Branches of Clan

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: For two years I have been engaged to an Army officer, stationed nearby, and we had planned to be married next spring. He is 39 and I am 26. About 12 years ago his father passed away; and he, as the senior male member of the family, took over full responsibility. His mother rented a large house, which she shares with (1) his married sister and her three grown children; and (2) his sister-in-law and her two small children and her mother. Her husband is now overseas.

Due to various reverses, he has never been able to save any money; but in my seven years' employment, I have managed to save a little, which I had planned to invest,—along with my salary and his Army pay—in a postwar home for ourselves. However, without consulting me, he and his sister have contracted to buy this large house, on a monthly basis, with payments covering a three-year period.

She Sees Only Trouble Ahead

I HAVE explained to him that I cannot agree to share the house, if we marry, because (1) I am not accustomed to a large family; and (2) I want children in the near future, and do not consider the environment favorable for them. But he defends the arrangement by saying (1) that it is a form of savings; and (2) that he can sell his share any time. Incidentally, members of the family are financially independent of each other and his mother gets a pension.

I am very much afraid to get married under these conditions, as I feel he might not be able to keep his promise; and that we might end by living with his family. I want him to sell his share before marriage, so I can be certain of freedom. Please give me your opinion. C. A.

Rift Goes Deep Down

DEAR C. A.: It seems to me this surface rift on the subject of housing must be construed as a significant manifestation of fundamental incompatibility of viewpoint and temperament, which would tend to breed conflict and/or deadlock between you and your fiance in almost any situation where decisions of major import, involving weighty matters affecting you both, presented themselves for final settlement.

It appears that you are a more mature personality than your fiance; more courageous, more self-reliant; more fully fledged, as an individual and an adult; inclined by nature, and prepared by training and practice, to venture experience in terms of a "live and let live" philosophy of behavior. He, on the other hand, being a timid soul,—though possessing a passive obstinacy that passes for strength, until analyzed and tested,—instinctively subscribes to the theory that, "There is safety in numbers," and dares not make a clean break from the family circle which cradled him; and there we have the root-source of the fuzzy issue now developing.

The Function Of Free Will

THE function of free will,—a faculty you both possess, in common with all mankind,—is to steer the individual safely over, under, around or through obstacles of various kinds which seem to stand in the way of his objectives; or threaten to lay waste to his chief aspirations; or otherwise destroy his peace and security. The morally valid use of that faculty,—in the realm of adult social relations,—is to discipline one's self to follow the course that seems best for one's self, when prudence and foresight have been consulted; whereas the wrong,—and, in the long run, futile,—exercise of that faculty would be to try to make another's crucial decisions for him; or try to enforce one's individualistic choice upon him for essentially self-serving reasons.

Thus, in my opinion it would be unwise,—and nonproductive of good, any way you figure it,—(1) either to let your fiance railroad you into a pattern of living you believe would destroy your happiness from the start; or (2) to use pressure tactics to try to force him to conform to your choice of action. The only positive decision open to you, it seems to me, is between whether (1) you are willing to gamble your future by going his way, on his terms; or (2) whether the risk looks so great, and the net possible profits so small, that you feel obliged to throw the whole proposition out the window in self-defense; and look further afield for a likelier mate. M. H.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column; not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of The Post.

Town Talk

By Carolyn Bell

IN those giddy, plush days when the spas were at their height "Old White" queened it over 'em all—even Saratoga. Now you might find a New Yorker to disagree but it's true.

White Sulphur Springs, home of the once-lush Greenbrier Hotel, was tops in its line. Of course where was always "The Hot" (those in the know abbreviate) but Hot Springs, Va., was second best. After all they got the Japs didn't they?—while "Old White" played host to the European villains.

Social days are over for "Old White" now that the hotel has been turned into the Ashford General Hospital and the grim business of mending broken bones and minds goes on.

But they can dream can't they?—and certainly they wouldn't be Virginians if they didn't reminisce. During that elegant era it was the practice of the spa to pick the reigning belle of the season to come down as their guest—and do a little polite publicity on the side.

The year all Virginians love to remember is the one that great beauty—Judith Carrington—"took over." Judith Carrington, not at all incidentally (it's the reason for this piece) was mother of our present Secretary of State, Edward Stettinius.

In spite of his "big city" connections with the Midwest, Stettinius has too many Virginia ties not to be considered one of them. It was "Big Stet" (his older brother) and "Little Stet" at the University of Virginia—and it was been "Stet" ever since to Virginians.

THAT LADY with the mischief in her eye, Bertha Joseph, has invested the office of her boss, Senator Radcliffe, with plenty of charm and atmosphere. Two beautiful marble clocks (both with histories) are to be found in the Senator's office. Both clocks were resurrected by Bertha from the Senate storeroom.

The handsome dark green marble one used to be in the office of former Vice President John Nance Garner. Unfortunately this one doesn't work, but it makes a pretty ornament anyway.

The other clock, of pinkish marble, came from the office of Henry Ashurst, former Senator from Arizona.

WRITING to her former roommate here, a former Government worker who went to India for the Red Cross was enthusing over the place. "Mary, you really ought to come overseas. I have had four proposals (all honorable!) It seems I am the ideal wife type the minute I hit India. It's funny but it's fun."

"You ask what I would like to have you send me," she continues. "Panties. You can mail a pair in a manila envelope from your office, first-class mail . . . and I shall be saved the embarrassment of running around like the Indians do, wrapped up in a sheet."

Astute George Lamb, who guides the course of Mahogany Association, knows about ships and planes and all those things that are so necessary for the war.

What many of his friends are kidding him about these days, however, is his hat designing. They never thought George had it in him.

Seems George goes pheasant hunting all during the season. Ever mindful of milady's wardrobe, he contributes the gorgeous feathers of his victims for hats. Beautiful hats they are, too. And he is very particular about how they are arranged. He insists on their being natural looking, please.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER team are Mrs. Maurice Raymond (left) of Montreal, and Mrs. Harry Jordan of Philadelphia, who were visitors to Washington last week, guests of Judge and Mrs. Clarence Norton Goodwin. Mrs. Jordan is well known here where she has many friends

Miss Alexander Is Betrothed; Other Couples Reveal Plans

Of wide interest to Washingtonians today is the announcement, made by Mr. and Mrs. William Clinton B. Alexander of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Josephine Louise Alexander, to Lieut. Hugh Wilson Haitt, USNR.

The bride-elect, member of a distinguished local family, attended Sidwell Friends School and was graduated from Swarthmore College. She also studied at Drexel Institute in Philadelphia and has been with the National Geographic Society.

Lieutenant Haitt is the son of Mrs. Kenneth L. Haitt and the late Mr. Haitt, Kansas City, Mo. He attended Kansas City Junior College and was graduated from the University of Kansas School of Architectural Engineering.

Graves—Morgan

Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Graves, Rahway, N. J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Ensign Vivian Ruth Graves, to Lieut. Donald King Morgan, USNR, West Hartford, Conn.

Ensign Graves, a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, is on duty here in the historical division of the Bureau of Yards and Docks. Before joining the service she was employed in the publication service of Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

Lieutenant Morgan is attached to the Naval Ordnance Laboratory in Washington. He is a graduate of Amherst College and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The wedding will take place soon after the first of the year.

Bost—Jenkins

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bost, Newton, N. C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Edith Evelyn Bost, to Joseph Wilson Jankins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jenkins, Jefferson, S. C.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Berry College, Mount Berry, Ga., and is now residing in Washington. Mr. Jenkins, employed at the Treasury Department, recently received an honorable discharge from the Army.

Phillips—Simpson

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Phillips, St. Paul, Minn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jane Phillips, to Capt. John Ely Simpson, USMCR, son of John W. Simpson, Savannah, Ga., and the late Mrs. Simpson.

The bride-elect was graduated from Vassar College in the class of 1943 and is now employed here at the War Department. Captain Simpson received his degree from the University of Georgia. He served on Guadalcanal with the First Marine Division and is now stationed in Washington.

Miss Jackson Becomes Bride Of Mr. Mears

Petworth Methodist Church was the setting yesterday for the marriage of Miss Rachel Marie Jackson and Thomas Wood Mears.

The bride is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gillium C. Jackson, Tulsa, Okla., and Mr. Mears is son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mears, this city.

Officiating at the 5 p. m. ceremony was the Rev. John C. Millian. Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in white satin with yoke and sleeves of lace. Her train length veil was held with a coronet of seed pearls and she carried a bouquet of white roses and orchids.

Miss Mary King, the maid of honor, was costumed in fuchsia chiffon and carriel talisman roses. Bridesmaids were Miss Anne McKinley, Miss Betty Lewis, Miss Rose D. Blasio and Miss Mary Lee Carry. All wore chiffon frocks in pastel shades with silver Juliet caps and carried talisman roses.

Charles D. Mears was best man for his brother, and ushering were Frederick D. Mears, Norman Sharpless, Herbert M. Lewis and Frederick Taylor.

A reception followed at the home of the bridegroom's parents. The newlyweds left later for a wedding trip to New Hampshire and upon their return will reside at 4411 4th st.

The bride attended schools in Tulsa and Mr. Mears received his degree at the University of Maryland where he became affiliated with Alpha Chi Sigma fraternity.

Warfields Will Fete Daughter

Dr. and Mrs. J. Ogle Warfield, jr., will entertain at a tea this afternoon in honor of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Baldwin Warfield and their niece, Miss Diana Barclay, daughter of Mrs. George G. Barclay and the late Lieutenant Barclay, USN, Cynwyd, Pa.

Miss Warfield graduated, cum laude, at Holton Arms School last spring and is home for the holidays from Wellesley College. Her cousin, Miss Barclay, graduated from Lower Merion School and was awarded a scholarship at the Women's College of the University of Pennsylvania.

Both Miss Warfield and Miss Barclay are descendants of Richard Warfield, Maryland colonist, and Col. Robert Bolling, early settler of Virginia.

Ration Points

December 26, 1944.

MEATS, FATS, ETC.—Book four red stamps A-8 through A-5 and A-8 through A-8 valid indefinitely. No more will be validated until December 31.

PROCESSED FOODS—Book 4 blue stamps A-8 through A-5 and A-5 through A-8 and A-2 and B-2 valid indefinitely. No more will be validated until January 1.

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FUEL OIL—Old period 4 and 5 coupons good throughout current heating season. New period 1 and 2 coupons also valid now and good through heating year.

YOU'LL BE SET for the social whirl this winter in this gown of dark crepe. Uncompromisingly plain, the dress draws its chic from the fringed shoulders and skirt. Soften the severe neckline with a velvet choker and pin on your newest "glitter" ornaments

The Gentler Sex

By Malvina Lindsay

Good Intentions

YOU SENT no Christmas cards this year, and all last week you felt increasingly guilty as greetings arrived. Now, sorting them over, you are surprised and touched at how many good loyal friends you have. Right away you'll get started writing friendly little notes to at least a few of those who have remembered you.

Now isn't this sweet! A card from old Mrs. Waverly! You should have sent her a sequin handkerchief, or some little thing. Well, you'll write her a long chatty letter.

Here's one from the Chumleys who lived in your neighborhood ten years ago. They've never failed to send a card—even though you quit five years ago. They really were wonderful neighbors. You should have kept up your friendship with them. Well, you'll surprise them with a newsy little note.

How clever! A card from the Jeepers' new baby. And you haven't even acknowledged the announcement! You'll make up for that by writing the baby a clever little letter—and put in some little gift.

WHAT'S THIS big thick card? Oh, yes, the Swagg's. Wasn't it nice of them to remember you—when you don't know them very well! Of course, they are people of discriminating values, even if they do appear snooty. You'll write them a cordial New Year's greeting—just as soon as you can get some heavier note paper.

Here's Nell Rutt's card again. Dear old Nell! She was such a good friend of yours at college. You don't find friends like Nell every day—in fact, people you meet now so frequently turn out disappointing. Anyway, you ought to write Nell and tell her about running on to Charlie Nitter again.

What's this little card? Oh, yes, from Viola, who used to be your part-time maid. Wasn't it sweet of her to remember you! Maybe her fine job's not all that she thought it was. You'll write her a nice little note—and inclose a handkerchief?

HERE'S ONE from Mrs. Erasmus Z. Kingfisher. Who on earth can she be? . . . Well, you won't have to write any note on that—still though maybe you'd better acknowledge it. She might be someone you ought to know. But certainly you can't do anything about this one signed "Your Old Pal." . . . Or the one sent by J. M. And you'll pass up Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Roundtop, whoever they are—say, wait, he's the man who used to come to clean the yard. Yes, indeed, you'll write them!

WHAT a stunning card from that Mrs. Clyde you met at the Swagg party! She's someone you really want to know better. You ought to enlarge your friendship. Perhaps you're getting too seclusive—as the psychiatrists say. You'll drop Mrs. Clyde a New Year's greeting.

You're not going to bother about the Miffins' card because you don't like them anyway—still, she gets offended so easily. And if she found out you sent notes to other people, she wouldn't like it. Oh, well, you'll send them a brief note.

Now who sent that big splashy card? . . . Oh, yes, Eloise Clipper, who took that big job in New York. Nice of Eloise to remember you. They say she's really going places. You'll write her a note. If you don't keep up some friendships you'll have to be a recluse in your old age. And besides, if you ever get to New York again, you might want to look up Eloise.

HERE'S another one from Mrs. Erasmus Z. Kingfisher . . . and one from overseas, from Johnny Bowers next door. You'll write him a real letter. And here's the Puttersby's upside down card that you have to read before a mirror. Aren't they original! You'll send them a note.

Now all the rest of these cards you'll simply let go—no you might as well send them all a line while you're about it. They've all been so dear and kind, and clever, and at a time like this friendship means so much. You feel a surge of warmth, and your eyes are misty as you reach for your note paper. Let—wait! You can't start now. There's that phone call you have to make and you have to fix that dress you're wearing tonight and get the tinsel and the pine needles off the floor and the gift wrappings put away. Oh well, you'll wait until tomorrow—no you have to go downtown—well then, the day after tomorrow.

You open a desk drawer to put away your cards. Why it's full! What is this? More cards. . . why they're the cards from last Christmas that you put away to answer.

Lieut. Crimm Takes Bride

Lieut. Reuben G. Crimm, AUS, and his bride, the former Miss Janet Fishman, whose marriage took place December 19 at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Fishman, Oklahoma City, will make Washington their home following their wedding trip to New York. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. I. E. Crimm of Atlanta, Ga., and the late Dr. Crimm.

Dr. Joseph Blatt officiated at the ceremony and a wedding dinner followed. The bride's father gave her in marriage. She wore a white satin gown made with a long train, and sweetheart neckline edged in pearls. Her veil of illusion was held with a seed pearl coronet and she carried a bouquet of white orchids and stephanotis. Miss Miriam Fishman, her sister's only attendant, was in turquoise brocade and carried pink carnations. Lieut. I. J. Lappin of San Antonio, Tex., served as best man.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Mexico. Lieutenant Crimm was graduated from the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech. He received his law degree at Woodrow Wilson Law School, Atlanta.

Women Elected To Press Club

Six Washington newspaperwomen have been elected members of the Women's National Press Club.

They are Flora Lewis, Associated Press; Sarah McClendon, Philadelphia Daily News; Ruth Shick Montgomery, New York Daily News; Ruth Moore, Chicago Sun; Peggy Preston, Washington Post, and Dorothy Weaver Thomson, Office of War Information Domestic News Bureau.

To Visit Parents Here

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Harold Dean Krafft will have with them during the holiday season, their son, Warrant Officer Frederic Burton Krafft. Their older son, Lieut. Harold Dean Krafft, jr., is in the Southwest Pacific.

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This Morning

With Shirley Povich

Ford Frick, president of the National League, reacted to the latest danger that professional sports would get the heave-ho for the duration by repeating the favorite line of the game's brass hats: "Baseball has not and will not ask any favors from Washington."

POVICH

It was first heard the night of Pearl Harbor, when the club owners realized their game was in jeopardy, and "no favors from Washington" has been the keynote of baseball's wartime position ever since. But that line is getting to be a bit wearisome.

It sounded very lofty and commendable in the weeks after Pearl Harbor, but somehow it seemed quite less noble on constant repetition; as if baseball, or any other professional sports, was entitled to some special favors from the war program. Our advice to baseball: Better drop that old gag.

Now it sounds like a fellow taking a bow for refraining from beating his wife. The magnates knew darn well that if they did try to ask for any special favors for baseball, they would have received none in the first place, and in the second place public resentment would have killed their game in a rising tide of indignation.

So far baseball has managed to keep its nose clean and survive. The big leagues have been able to operate with 4-F's, over-age players and men otherwise deferred. To any complaints that seemingly healthy athletes are playing against the best available competition, baseball has a ready answer: The Army could take any man it likes from baseball.

Until the Army lowers its physical standards, the big leagues are above criticism. In the main, baseball's 4-Fs have been quick rejectees at Army physical examination. The game produces an inordinate number of broken ankles and damaged knees that the Army doesn't like. The quick starts, slides and collisons make for leg troubles.

It seems a bit ingongruous to see apparently strong, fast, husky athletes able to play in the big leagues but unacceptable, as 4-Fs, to Army doctors. But that can be explained. George Case, for example, is the fastest man in baseball. Figuratively, he can outrun the wind. But he has a left shoulder that is apt to pop out of joint when he is standing still. The Army wouldn't like that.

On the same count, pro football can build even a better case for its 4-Fs. Scarcely a good player isn't troubled with some physical ailment the Army doesn't like. Wilbur Moore, the most rugged fellow on the Redskins, is seemingly a remarkable physical specimen. His type of play invites a tremendous physical pounding. Yet he was discharged from the Marines because he was physically unfit. The Marines had their crack at Moore and didn't want him on account of a bad shoulder.

Bob Seymour of the Redskins is another case in point. Seymour is 4-F on account of a damaged knee. Yet he plays a rough game for the Redskins, the difference is that when Seymour hurts his knee in a football game, he can tell the coach to take him out. In military combat in which Seymour would be expected to do a job on which might depend the lives of others in his unit, his knee would be a bad gamble.

Baseball did get a whooping tribute in the days after Pearl Harbor when President Roosevelt acknowledged the game for its morale value to the troops and defense workers. A few months later, the late Judge Landis, without any prodding, called off the long-distance training trips as a transportation-saving measure. That was nice.

And baseball has given generously of its gate receipts to war charities of all kinds. It equipped the troops with baseball equipment long before the Army was organized to do as much for itself. It's parks are open gratis to servicemen. The only sour note is that pose of "asking no favors from Washington" when the acceptance of any favors, if offered, would be fatal to the game's survival.

But this latest decree of War Mobolization Director James F. Byrnes is close to the action that brought baseball to a halt in 1918. That was Secretary of War Newton D. Baker's "Work or Fight" order baseball had to give up then. That's the only thing it has to fear now.

On the Line

With CONSIDINE

New York, Dec. 25.—That was a nice Christmas card the White House sent to the country's horse bookies and numbers men. I know it didn't mean to do so, but that's what happened. To a lot of them, Justice Jimmy Byrnes' edict barring horse racing meant not only a Merry Christmas but a happy and prosperous New Year, especially if the Government's crackdown on United States horses and dogs lasts through the coming year.

CONSIDINE

The manpower freed by the edict will be negligible. Racing, unlike other sports, is manned by pop-gutted old timers and pinch-faced midgets, and the stock in trade is an animal so highly refined by in-breeding that it is worthless as a war beast. Travel conditions probably will be improved a little, though not to an extent that is noticeable by the casual traveler.

Real reasons behind the edict are two: (1) the recent race meetings at Hollywood Park, in California, and the earlier sessions in Maryland caused a distressing amount of absenteeism in the big warplane and other defense plants near the tracks, and (2) the people of the country at large have alarmed the Treasury Department by not buying as many cheap war bonds as would seem possible.

Further, the intense popularity of racing during the past year or two has not been especially conducive to high morale among our boys overseas. They read of huge crowds, betting-mad, storming the race tracks by all means of conveyance and wagering sums depressingly dizzy to boys who are being shot to hell for a stipend of $60 a month.

But America will continue to bet its war-born money, and a lot of it that isn't war-born. One might as well try to issue a crackdown on breathing fresh air. Betting is as much a part of the average person as his arms and legs.

This instinct will find other outlets than betting on horses and dogs running on American tracks. Racing is running full blast in Mexico City, with results easily obtainable in this country. Oriental Park, Havana, reopened Saturday with a dirt cheap card featured by the $600 Inaugural Handicap.

Arrangements unquestionably will be made to shunt a portion of the American betting flood through the pari-mutuel machines at those places. Without much doubt, many of our horse owners will send their chargers to these places, just as owners of another generation sent their best to England when Gov. Charles Evans Hughes kicked racing out of New York.

United States bookies will accept bets on these out-of-the-country tracks. As you know, there are no legalized bookies in this country. But they flourish in every city, with their representatives in just about every office building, factory, cigar store and pool hall in the land. Some more or less expert commentators on the racing scene have said that as much money has been bet with bookies, away from the tracks, as was bet through the legalized machines at tracks.

Even if such experts were only half right, that would have meant more than 500 million dollars worth of illegal bets this year. They could be 1-10th right and still be talking important dough.

As a direct result of the Byrnes edict there is bound to be a bountiful increase in the amount bet on the numbers. The policy racket is more popular now than ever, but the amounts are bound to boom. The popular bet now is very small change, a penny or two, or a nickel, with odds of 500-to-1 if you hit the number.

The number, as you know, is not very easy to hit. In advance, you must guess (or dream, in case you live in Harlem) what the last three digits, or the three digits preceding the last, will be in the Cincinnati Clearing House financial handle for each day. Perhaps anticipating the crackdown on the horses, we know of one New York gambler who has been betting $50 a day on a certain number for many weeks. He is the forerunner, we fear, of a vast congregation of big-money numbers gamblers.

We can assume that if there were not good reasons behind the recent Byrnes declaration it would never have been issued. Washington's politicos are shrewd enough to realize that, if the edict sticks, they are taking more than 50 million dollars a year away from the racing States, in tax money, and thus alienating the political affections of elements in those States. New York this year derived $27,664,387 out of racing. Florida, as usual, paid off its old-age pensions out of racing.

4-F Athletes May Be Taken In Service

Physical standards for military service have no tbeen lowered, but this does not necessarily mean that 4-F professional athletes called up for reexamination would be again rejected.

This question arose today as the result of War Momilization Director Byrnes' instductions to Selective Service to review the military qualifications of men in professional sports, the Associated Press reported yesterday.

Difficult to Understand

Byrnes said it was difficult for him and the public to understand how men can be physically unfit for military service and yet be able to compete with the greatest athletes of the Nation in games demanding physical fitness.

A substantial number of these athletes hold 4-F classifications due principally to injuries sustained in sports competition.

A Selective Service source pointed out that many of these 4-F's may be borderline cases, and that local draft boards probably would check their records to spot such cases.

May Have Changed

Reexamination may disclose that the physical condition of some of these borderline 4-F's have changed for the better since their last examination, making them acceptable for induction.

It is not unusual for Selective Service to submit such sases to the Army or Navy three or four times, the Selective Service pointed out.

The decision as to whether a man is fit for service is entirely up to the Army and Navy following examination at an induction center.

Funds Started For Stranded Horsemen

Tropical Park, Fla., Dec. 25 (AP). A plan was inaugurated here today that its proponents hope to see gro winto a national fund for the relief of racing men during the extent of the present emergency. The organization is known as Racing Relief, Inc., and papers will be filed in Miamia Tuesday seeking a charter to administer details of the group.

The aim of the new organization is to collect funds from racing organizations throughout the country and pile up a fund that can be administered for relief of horsemen an dall others connected with racing officers of the new association made it plain that the fund would be turned over to a national group.

Messages have been forwarded to all race track associations and directors by President A. J. Cleary, who fostered the national idea for participation in the national plan and complete cooperation. A sum close to two million dollars is hoped to be raised to meet the emergency for which no specific time has been set. The fund will be administered to all men in need in need regardless of their association with any racing organization or group, and the care and maintenance of horses will receive primary attention. The entire body of local directors and their officers will resign in favor of the national group who may be selected to administer the fund nationally so that all sectors will benefit and all connected with racing will not suffer.

Pro Grid Steelers Sign Bob Odell

Pittsburgh, Dec. 24 (AP).—President Bert Bell of the Pittsburgh Steelers football team today announced signing of Bob Odell, former University of Pennsylvania backfield star now serving in the Navy, to a postwar contract.

Odell, younger brother of Howie Odell, football coach at Yale, was chosen as quarterback on the All-America football team in 1943, the year he finished his college career.

Tom Yawkey On Honeymoon

Georgetown, S. C., Dec. 25 (AP).—Thomas A. Yankey, owner of the Boston Red Sox baseball team, and his bride, the former Mrs. Jean R. Hiller of New York, are honeymooning at Yawkey's South Island plantation near here. They were married Friday, by the clerk of court here.

Ex-All American Makes It Miserable for Hon. Hirohito

Waddy Young, former All-American end at Oklahoma, is now a pilot of a B-29 which is bombing Japan from Saipan and has christened his ship "Waddy's Wagon." Captain Young is the C. O. and has his entire crew decorating his "wagon." Duplicating the illustration in person are, left to right, Young, Ponca City, Okla.; Lieut. Jack H. Wetters, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Lieut. John F. Ellis, Moberly, Mo.; Lieut. Paul R. Garrison, Lancaster, Pa.; Sergt. George E. Avon, Syracuse, N. Y.; Lieut. Bernard S. Black, Woodhaven, L. I.; Sergt. Kenneth M. Mansie, Randolph, Maine; Sergt. Lawrence L. Lee, Max, N. D.; Wilbur J. Chapman, Panhandle, Texas; Sergt. Corbett L. Carnegie, Grindstone Island, N. Y., and Sergt. Joseph J. Gatto, Falconer, N. Y. U. S. A. Forces Photo

Aggies, Frogs Resume Drills For Bowl Game

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 25 (U.P.).—Turkey-stuffed horned frogs and Aggies from Texas Christian University and Oklahoma A. and M. turned from Christmas dinner tables today and headed for their campuses where they will resume training tomorrow for their Cotton Bowl joust in Dallas on New Year's.

Coaches Leo (Dutch) Meyer of TCU and Jim Lookabaugh of the Aggies gave their charges a two-day layoff yesterday and today with strict orders to be back Tuesday ready to "hit the ball" for the rest of the week.

In Good Condition

The two squads were expected to return to Fort Worth and Stillwater, Okla., tomorrow in almost perfect physical condition for the final grind that will precede their battle. Cotton Bowl officials optimistically hoped for a sell-out crowd of 46,700 for the game.

Lookabaugh planned to give Bob Fenimore and company plenty of work on both passing and running Tuesday and Wednesday, then move the team to Oklahoma City late Wednesday in time to watch the opening rounds of the all-college basketball tournament in which the Aggie basketball team is entered.

The Aggies will entrain early Thursday for Dallas and planned to arrive here in time for a brief limbering-up rehearsal Thursday afternoon on the Cotton Bowl gridiron.

Friday and Saturday will be devoted to tapering-off practice in the bowl, and Sunday Lookabaugh said he would roust his Aggies out of bed for a long walk, but no practice.

TCU Drills Pass Attack

Meanwhile, at Fort Worth, only 30 miles west of Dallas, Coach Meyer will be laying emphasis on a passing attack geared to the improving right arm of gangling John Hadaway, a late-season find, in an effort to match the known offensive ability of the Frogs' six bowl foe. This will be the first bowl appearance for the Oklahoma Aggies.

The Horned Frogs spent last week perfecting defensive tactics aimed at the Aggies' galloping Fenimore.

A check of ticket sales today disclosed that more than 20,000 reserved seats had been taken and that upwards of 10,000 free tickets, donated by philanthropic individuals and organizations, will be available for service men and women in Dallas for the holidays.

Tight Games Feature Sugar Bowl Contests

New Orleans, Dec. 25 (AP).—The Duke Blue Devils and Alabama Crimson Tide—two veteran bowl participants—will make Sugar Bowl football history on New Year's Day if either wins by more than eight points.

Only once in ten Sugar Bowl games has a team won by as much as eight points. Texas Christian holds that distinction by virtue of a 15-7 verdict over Carnegie Tech in 1939. Twice, teams have won by seven points and three times by a single touchdown. Others have gone for not more than two points, including TCU's 3-2 "who pitched" victory over Louisiana State in 1936.

Tide Scored 246 Points in '44

Both Duke and Alabama passed the 200-point mark in scoring during the past season, the Blue Devils getting 201 points in 9 games and the Crimson Tide 246 in 8 contests.

Defensively, Alabama yielded slightly more than 6 points per game, while Duke gave up approximately 9 per afternoon.

Both teams have potent attacks led by outstanding scoring threats. Duke's fullback, Tom Davis, a 48-point maker the past season, has able assistants in Tailback Clark and End Harold Raether, both accomplished point-makers.

Alabama has a fine one-two punch in freshman passer Harry Gilmer and wingback Lowell Tew, 190-pounder, that carries double-knock on reverse plays.

Duke's Line Potent

Up front, Duke's line proved its greatness by holding Navy to an 0-7 score and by battling Army all over the field before losing 7-27.

Ernest Knotts 195, rates as one of Duke's finest guards in many years. Frank Irwin, 205, veteran tackle, si another standout in a stout forewall.

Duke's tougher schedule during the regular season might "junk" the apparent evenness of the two teams ,but comparative offensive and defensive records point to another nip-and-tuck Sugar Bowl classic.

Clowes Not to Play In North-South

Williamsburg, Va., Dec. 24 (AP).—Johnny Clowes, guard and captain of the 1944 William and Mary football eleven, has stated that due to illness in his family, he will be unable to play in the North-South game which is csheduled for next Saturday in Montgomery, Ala.

The tribe leader, who had previously accepted a bid to play in the postseason contest, was named to the All-State and All-Southern Conference teams at the conclusion of the season just past.

Les Horwath Sparks East Grid Drills

San Francisco, Dec. 25 (AP).—Paced by All-America back, Les Horvath of Ohio State, Eastern football stars had their best workout today preparatory to the East-West charity contest New Year's Day.

Horvath, late arrival, due to studies, checked in last night and was welcomed by Coaches Andy Kerr, Bernie Bierman and George Hauser. Around his pass-throwing and running ability will be built the East's offense.

The Eastern boys, drilling at the University of Santa Clara, went through one long workout before sitting down to Christmas dinner. Gold watches, gifts of the Shriners' organization sponsoring the game, were handed out.

The Western squad had an even more intense workout. Coaches Orin Hollingsbery and Homer Norton sent their charges through a practice lasting more than three hours.

Tentative lineups today saw Don Paul, sturdy center from the University of California at Los Angeles, converted into a guard.

Australia Racing Also Restricted

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 25 (AP).—A spokesman for the Australian Jockey Club, chief racing body in Sydney, said todey Australia had placed restrictions on racing for purposes similar to Washington's decision to close tracks during wartime.

In order to save labor and critical materials, the spokesman said, Australia dropped her race fixtures from a normal 111 annually to 40 at one stage. Recent modifications have restored the number to 55.

Lions, Rovers Meet Tonight At Uline Arena

Coach Charley Good's Washington Lions return to Uline ice tonight well prepared for their Eastern Hockey League match with New York's Rapid Rovers at 8:30 o'clock.

The largest crowd of the fast fading 1944 campaign is expected as the Lions bid for their eighth victory as against three defeats and a tie on home ice.

The Rover Boys fought off a brave last period bid to edge the Lions in Madison Square Garden last Sunday, 8 to 7, and also have upset the Boston Olympics and Baltimore Blades since last appearing here. They have won two matches, lost one and tied one in four previous starts against Washington.

Rod McLeod, newly acquired one-eyed winger who formerly skated for the Chicago Blackhawks and Kansas City, makes his debut with the Lions tonight. He probably will alternate with Jack McIntyre on the line of Al Smith and Al Percival.

The kid line of Nick Phillips and Frank and Pete Long will remain intact while Jimmy Wilson, Harvey McClelland, John Kusnaski, Tony Dorn and Hank Nicowski will be available as defensemen and Emile Francis remains in goal.

Smith set a terrific pace against the Rovers last Sunday, sinking three goals and two assists for a total of five points. The flying winger has been the life of Washington's attack of late, and rapidly is developing into one of the Eastern League's best forwards.

Laurel Harney, veteran goal tender and coach of the Rovers, tonight will center his offense around Doug Carrigan and Roland Lemire, brilliant forwards. Carrigan fired three goals and Lemire a pair against the Lions Sunday, Lemire's opportune shots in the final period proving the game's clinchers.

Harry Bell, Jack Mann, Hank D'Amore, Len Wharton, Jack Mason, Harry Groves, Harvey Ross, Bob McDonald and Jim Drummond are other Rovers who will be out to repeat over the local skaters.

Swoke to Ask For Racing Bi-Weekly

Miami, Fla., Dec. 25 (AP).—A big Christmas crowd gave racing a merry start on its last lap today by betting a record sum of $716,716 at Tropical Park's inaugural program.

There was a surge of optimism at the track as 14,171 brightly-dressed spectators poured through the turnstiles, and horsemen began to take renewed hope that the Government might relent and take some of the sting out of a request that the sport shut down January 3.

There was a rumor that Herbert Bayard Swope, chairman of Tropical's directors and a leading official, would go to Washington in an effort to have the ban modified, perhaps to permit racing twice a week, but Swope later declared that he had no such plan.

Second Largest Crowd

But the spectators, second largest crowd ever to attend a program at Tropical, apparently were interested only in getting down a few bets before the shutdown.

The total wagering on the nine races and the daily double far exceeded the previous high mark of $629,038 bet on Tropical's closing day last April 8.

Only throng to exceed today's was the 15,168 which saw the New Year's morning card in 1939.

It was a day of upsets, only two public choices scoring.

"Field" horses, animals considered such longshots that they are grouped together in the betting when more than 12 racers run, finished one-two in the first $7500 division of the featured six-furlong inaugural handicap.

A. M. Bank's Offenbach, a 3-year-old gelding ridden by G. L. Smith, triumphed in a driving four-horse finish and Woolford Farm's Silvestra was second. Quien Es, one of the better liked contestants, was third.

Those who bet on the combination of Offenbach, Silvestra and Tidy Reward, got back the handsome return of $45, $26.50 and $13 across the board. Offenbach's time of 110 1/5 was only a fifth of a second off the track record. Quien Es had a show price of $6.50.

Jockey Arcaro Returns

Jockey Eddie Arcaro returned to the races after a rest to boot Greentree Stable's Dustman to a 2-length victory in the second division of the inaugral, equalling Offenbach's time.

The 3-year-old gelding paid $11.70 to win, $6.20 to place and $5.30 to show. Bobanet Stable's Sophocles couldn't maintain an early lead, but nosed out Hasteville for second place. Sophocles paid $14.70 ad $8.60, Hasteville $10.10.

Tropical already had planed today's sparkling inaugural program when the racing ban was announced Saturday, and decided to go ahead with eight days of racing.

A ninth day race will be added to the regular daily cardsh, net proceeds going toward the relief of stranded horemen.

Tropical to Run Ninth Race Daily

Miami, Fla., Dec. 25 (AP).—The Florida State Racing Commission today approved the running of a ninth race daily at Tropical Park for the benefit of the horsemen's benevolent association.

Gerald Brady, Tropical racing director, said the purse would be subtracted and the net proceeds which normally go to the track turned over to the horsemen.

South Drills Pass Attack For Blue-Gray

Mrs. Ann Gray, Army-Navy Country Club stellar tennis player received 29th ranking nationally for women recently by the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

Mrs. Gray's sparkling performances in winning every local women's tournament for the past season enabled her this honor.

Major Merritt Cutler, Army-Navy Club, received ranking of 4th nationally in the veterans' class.

Mentioned of being unranked because of insufficient data were Lieut. Gilbert Hunt, Army-Navy, and Pfc. David Johnsen, of Edgemoor.

Tropical Park Entries and Results

1—5½; $1300; maiden 2-year-old.

Joe Spagat	113	Ringette	115
Cassina	118	Hot Nigh.	118
Swords	118	Ecomodate	113
Rector	118	Big Thicket	118
†Pix Master	118	Perfect Chance	113
Snob Tourist	113	Pilate's Own	118
Toney Leo	118	Smart Stuff	118
†Ambitious	118	Joel	118
New Boom	118	Solvent	118

†Balair Stud and Wheatley Stable entry.

2—1 mile 70; $1300; 3-year-olds up; claim.

Mac's Game	117	Abassido	113
Pidi	111	Pidi	111
Peggy Silver	111	S. S. Grier	107
Betty's Beau	106	Black Thrush	119
On the Double	108	Valdina Phas	108
Rose Jack	112	Sonian Red	112
Traction	108	Cake Gravy	108
Revive	111	Still Gallant	119
Court Natural	108	Just Dawn	107

3—5½; $1300; 2-year-olds; claiming.

Dream-Lite	113	Joliette	114
Trace Man	110	Native Land	107
Margus	106	Valletia	106
King Appell	114	Bridie Bar	114
Gallant Son	107	Country Lad	114
Quemazon	117	Prominencia	112
Stork of Peace	117	Red Figure	110
Bob O'Sullivan	114	Kaiden	107
Runaway	114	F. S. Munns	114

4—5½; $1300; maiden 3-year-olds up; claim.

Dive Bomber	111	Swell Time	116
Milton John	116	Good Show	118
Madill	114	Red Fox	114
Nat's Reward	106	War Edition	106
Almerad	111	Wee Bart	109
Last Step	111	One Century	114
Task Force	114	Peace Bells	111
Peemar	114	Vetta T.	111
Quetta	111		

5—5½; $1500; 3-year-olds up; allowances.

Rocket Gal	101	Another Time	112
One Only	109	Scottsville	102
Valdina Bright	107	Light of Morn	109
Valdina	107	Liberty Fan	109
Bull's Eye	104	King Leroy	109
Good Bid	102	Our Victory	111
Spangled Game	107	Bottle Imp	114
Sugar Man	107	Rush Act	114
Chicago Dr.	109	Cousin Ban	106

6—3½; $1500; 4-year-olds up; claiming.

Henry Knight	112	Bobbie Crown	113
Miss Advice	107	Mac Cade	106
Turnabout	108	Carmus	117
Tindell	114	Eric Knight	113
Sun Flame	114	Time Grier	116
Mod	117	Somerville	114
Robert F.	116	Hopeful Reward	116
Boy Angler	116	Grand Gay	114

7—1 1/16; $2500; 3-year-olds; allowances.

Best Birthday	115	Raw Recruit	109
Gallant Chance	109	Broad Grin	122
DocDonough	120	Silver Flate	120
Coley Bay	114	Soldier's Cap	120
Albuldo	117	Hero Mine	115
Begrar	120	†Hazard	117
Viva Teddy	120	†Captain's Aide	117
Cloverland	114		

†Milliriver Stable entry.

8—1 mile 70; $1400; 3-year-olds; claiming.

Michigan Smart	109	Four Tens	109
Mustafa	109	Pilate's Miss	106
Ste. Frances	106	Bisnette	117
Pidi	116	The General	113
Door-Yock	106	Darby Dimout	104
Shot One	109	Assailant	109
Money Must	104	Sea Command	117
Miss Lovable	109	Roman Red	112
Smoke Puff	109	Busy Madeline	106

9—1 mile 70; $1300; 3-year-olds up; claim.

My Malcha	104	Hezzd's Pilate	119
Gallant Dick	113	Patron Saint	119
Flying Son	113	Sunover	111
New Glory	114	First Girl	110
Enterprising	113	Winning Smile	112
Single a	104	Sing	117
Devil's Crag	113	Moslem	117
Bloodhound	119	Idle Fancies	110
Ringaway	107	Ava Demand	105

TROPICAL PARK SELECTIONS (Fast)

1—Ambitious, Hot Night, Perfect Charge.
2—S. S. Grier, On the Double, Mac's Game.
3—Bob O'Sullivan, Promotech, Quemazon.
4—One Century, Peace Bells, Good Show.
5—Light of Morn, Another Time, Chicago Dr.
6—Henry Knight, Robert F., Carmus.
7—Gallant Chance, Aubelle, Donough.
8—Door-Yock, Ste. Frances, Four Tens.
9—Bloodhound, Single, Hezed's Pilate.
Best bet—ONE CENTURY.
—Louisville Times (AP).

1—5½; $1200; 3-year-olds up.

Our Dammit	106	(Claggett)	31.90 9.80 7.20
Frontier Dame	114	(Atkinson)	4.40 3.20
Picket Line	112	(Nichols)	3.60

Short Life, Nilon, Miola, Pipeliner, Tennessee Maid, Treesmontier, Rose Mountain, Nibble, Tyrons also ran. Time, 1:10⅘.

2—5½; $1500; 3-year-olds up.

Frost Coil	115	(Mills)	12.10 6.90 5.20
Valdina Clown	117	(Hettinger)	12.60 6.20
Sisters	115	(Nichols)	4.90

Lt. Little Bunny, Bee Bee Bee, O'Ballidier, Creamy, Pink Dawn, Canes, Overtime, Danseuse, Black Shot also ran. Time, 1:11⅘.

3—5½; $1300; maiden 2-year-olds.

Outlandish	117	(Carrell)	7.40 5.30 4.00
Miss Ballaster	117	(Breen)	5.90 4.20
Two Ten	117	(Trent)	7.80

Flexico, Sorjean, Pharamonda, Lucky Lou, Musicale, High East, Lady Apple, Balsandi, Janet Ragland also ran. Time, 1:04⅘.

4—6½; $1200; 2-year-olds.

John Q. Public	117	(Yocum)	9.90 5.20 4.20
Secret Ribbon	112	(Mills)	6.20 4.60
Ran Bad Ran	112	(Fischer)	6.80

Wemlite, Tetrol, Omalisa, Sunwise, Tydick Bina, Five-Thirty, Chance Fair, Darby Dieter, Rockwood Argo also ran. Time, 1:11⅘.

5—1-70; $1500; 3-year-olds.

Reapter Gadd	109	(McMullan)	7.60 4.30 3.10
Forevale	111	(Roberts)	7.30 4.70
Opening Bid	112	(Patterson)	3.70

Misty Mark, Gusher, Kengar, Gullah, Tadsmoon, Nedlana, Puffed Up, Strolling Easy also ran. Time, 1:41⅘.

6—6½; $7500 added; 3-year-olds up.

Outlandish	119	(Smith)	45.00 26.50 13.00
‡Silvestra	119	(Fischer)	26.50 13.00
Quien Es	117	(Breen)	6.50

Uncle Jock, ‡Tidy Reward, Challenge Me, Alfios, Quillon, He Rolls, Johnny Jr., Nation Scotch, Befreigh, Okapi Lancer, Kopia also ran. Time, 1:10⅘.

‡Field.

7—6½; $7500 added; 3-year-olds up.

Dustman	120	(Arcaro)	11.70 6.20 5.30
Sophocles	120	(Clark)	14.70 8.60
Hasteville	110	(Wall)	10.10

‡Pire Power, Freeland's Lad, Signator, Jimmie, Charter Member, Dora Dear, Sweet Bet, ‡Dartaway, Harvard Square also ran. Time, 1:10½.

‡Field.

8—1 1/16; $1500; 3-year-olds up.

Adventurous	104	(Atkinson)	7.40 4.60 3.70
Scot's Bill	105	(Roberts)	23.20 13.40
Satin Rose	111	(R. Meade)	5.10

Pistol Pete, Adviser, Valdina Brave, Pirate Pal, Hubcap, Unknown Reward also ran. Time, 1:42⅘.

9—1 1/16; $1300; 4-year-olds up.

Nebraska	114	(Atkinson)	5.20 4.60 3.80
Trefh	106	(G. L. Smith)	10.40 6.40
Flying Junior	114	(G. Smith)	6.40

Alca-Cal, Discouraged, Sonz Spinner, Gay Squire, Syrian Boy, Parley King, Lemonade, Jack's Prize, Brave Black also ran. Time, 1:41⅘.

DAILY DOUBLE PAID $174.90.

Fair Grounds Entries and Results

1—¾; $800; 3-year-olds up; claiming.

Cash Basis	111	Away	115
Royal O Man	112	Victory Prince	111
High Baggage	111	Meritorious	119
Quick Tool	111	Warrior Lad	112
Gold Cache	115	Red Spirit	111
Hy Gay	113	Michigan Blue	113
Kimmy	108	Border Ban	103
Henry M	114	Rose Bane	108

2—¾; $800; 3-yearolds up; claiming.

Airborne	105	Plucky Muffin	111
Venci	115	Hobby's First	108
No Other	100	Foot to Foot	112
Innate	115	Flying Pigeon	111
Solid Sender	108	Calm Port	108
Capsicum	108	Swing Leader	114
Lunch Date	100	Bull Whip	111
Sweet Margy	111	High Straight	119

3—¾; $800; 2-year-olds; claiming.

Duchess Myrna	110	Miss Palooka	107
Asbold	113	Midtack	115
Mae Wave	107	Blue Cross	113
Ever Playful	112	Country Boy	110
Pretty Plane	110	She Didn't	109
Fred Cody	117	Ted Lewis	113
Extricate	112	Rotate	108
Black Fantasy	114	Sure Girl	112
Honey Thorn	110	Gray's Bay	114

4—¾; $1000; maiden 2-year-olds.

Mr. Jinx	116	Altram	116
Dick King	111	Red and Black	116
†Valdina Vivo	116	Calco	116
Tap Lightly	116	Penicillin	116
Foxy Frank	116	G. I. Joe	116
Mr. Dumjohn	116	†Valdina Sentry	116
Play Day	116		

†Joseph Farrar entry.

5—¾; $1000; 2-year-olds up; allowances.

Bozola	114	Konawind	114
Felicity	114	Brown Flame	114
Dark Ship	114	Michigan Chevy	117
Mountain Sir	117	Madam Mamie	117
†Little Flyer	120	Hawkwood Deeper	114
Bona Dea	114	†Valdina Czar	117
High Weather	114	Silver Toy	108

†Mrs. H. P. Bonner entry.

6—1 mile 70; $900; 3-year-olds; allow.

Lucifer	111	Darby Diplomat	111
Ronrey	111	Oak Twig	106
Valdina Tumble	108	Edgar B	113
Happy Joan	110		

7—1 mile 70; $800; 3-year-olds up; claim.

Flaming Chance	105	Contime	110
High Legend	104	Tower Lass	108
Wheatstraw	109	Daisy Chance	110
Ho Hum	114	Maybe Miss	104
Tensleep	114	Tower Maid	107
Expose	111	Black Fire	110
Pacific Maid	105		

8—1⅛; $800; 4-year-olds up; claiming.

Ashbysburg	111	Rather	111
Baby Gold	112	Random Breeze	111
Star Back	111	Albino	109
Mestmun	114	Idle Sun	109
Home Again	106	Mischief Afoot	109
River Wolf	114	Mae Chance	111
Town Victory	111	Plucky Teddy	108
Overcall	111	Toy Top	108
Flourtown	111	Oval	108

FAIRGROUNDS SELECTIONS (Fast)

1—Meritorious, Red Spirit, Cash Basis.
2—Hobby's First, High Straight, Sweet Margy.
3—Midtack, Fred Cody, Ever Playful.
4—Asbold, Sentry, Dumjohn.
5—Michigan Chevy, Little Flyer, Valdina Czar.
6—Lucifer, Darby Diplomat, Edgar B.
7—Expose, Ho Hum, Tower Lass.
8—Albino, River Wolf, Random Breeze.
Best bet—LUCIFER.
—Louisville Times (AP).

1—¾; $900; 3-year-olds up.

Anytime	111	(D. Jessop)	10.80 6.00 3.40
Camp Liberty	111	(Lotzerse)	36.80 7.80
Bold Question	114	(Arduini)	2.80

Lucky B., Pete Jr., Chance Taker, Bordersman, Hail Grand, Mister Big, Royal Lady also ran. 1:14⅘.

2—¾; $900; 3-year-olds up.

Bashful Basket	114	(D. Jessop)	8.60 4.80 3.40
Yankee Notions	108	(Hall)	5.80 4.00
Iron Barge	114	(Jessop)	4.00

Day Dodger, My Scott, Attested, Restriction, Pooio, Neotrist, Heel Up also ran. Time, 1:14⅘.

DAILY DOUBLE PAID $65.40.

3—¾; $1000; maiden 3-year-olds up.

Silver Toy	118	(Gillespie)	5.80 4.40 3.20
Sure Hit	116	(Leblanc)	10.80 6.40
Shining Chance	121	(Warren)	4.20

†Routed, †Susitna, Tower Pet, Bucyc, John Are, †Prade Son, Linwood Linnie, Libibi Ann, Erotica also ran. Time, 1:15⅘.

†Field.

4—1 1/16; $800; 3-year-olds up.

Part King	111	(Waldsman)	15.20 7.20 4.80
Sam Fiddle	117	(Hill)	6.20 4.60
Deni Sun	100	(Hall)	5.00

San Francisco, Giant Servant, Big Rover, Dr. Bones, Derivative, Justice Nap also ran. Time, 1:51.

5—1-70; $1000; 3-year-olds up.

Troop Train	107	(Brooks)	11.20 4.80 3.60
Triple Scotch	110	(Maddes)	4.40 3.20
Valdivia	119	(Jessop)	3.60

Sea Tack, Tumult, Always Flying, Eaglestone, Rockwood Lou also ran. Time, 1:47⅘.

6—5½; $2500 added; all ages.

‡Many Lands	105	(Lotzerse)	37.40 10.80 5.40
Brownie	122	(Guerin)	3.80 3.20
Defence	114	(Madden)	5.60

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Today's Radio Programs

Tuesday, December 26 — Washington — Eastern War Time

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9 :00	Breakfast Club	Mirth and Madness	The Journey Home	News; Music	Cash; Mike Hunnicutt	News, Godfrey
:15	" "	" "	" "	In the Air	Mike Hunnicutt	Home Service Daily
:30	" "	News; Banghart	" "	Traffic Court	News; Mike Hunnicutt	CBS Air Theater
:45	" "	Broadway Melodies	" "	" "	Mike Hunnicutt	" "
10 :00	My True Story	Lora Lawton	News	News; Music	Cash; Bing Crosby	Valiant Lady
:15	" "	News of World	Mr. Moneybags	Music Hall	Crosby; Miss Persons	Light of the World
:30	Cliff Edwards	Finders Keepers	Shady Valley Folks	" "	News; Alice Lane	This Changing World
:45	Listening Post	" "	" "	" "	Alice Lane	Bachelor's Children
11 :00	Breakfast at Sardi's	Road of Life	News, B. Repaid	News; Symphony	Cash; Alice Lane	Honeymoon Hill
:15	" "	Rosemary	Need Advice?	Symphony Hour	Alice Lane	Second Husband
:30	Ruth Crane	Star Playhouse	Melody Time	" "	News; Morning	Bright Horizon
:45	" "	David Harum	What's Your Idea?	" "	Matinee	Aunt Jenny
12 :00	News; Evans	News; Improvisations	News; G. Heatter	WINX News	Password Please	Kate Smith Speaks
:15	Little Show	Look to This Day	Bob Hope Recording	Luncheon Music	" "	Big Sister
:30	Glamour Manor	Matinee Today	U. S. Marine Band	Weather; Music	News; Music	Helen Trent
:45	" "	" "	" "	Luncheon Music	Blessed Eventer	Our Gal Sunday
1 :00	Baukhage Talking	Nancy Osgood	News, Compton	WINX News	All Sports Parade	Life Can Be Beautiful
:15	Jack Berch	" "	Terry's House Party	Musical Bouquets	Tony Wakeman	Ma Perkins
:30	Music Box	Gene Archer	Stone and Brito	" "	All Sports Parade	News; Bernadine Flynn
:45	" "	Morgan Beatty	Russ Hodges	" "	Tony Wakeman	The Goldbergs
2 :00	Music Box	Guiding Light	News, Cedric Foster	News; Club Caravan	All Sports Parade	Joyce Jordan
:15	" "	Today's Children	Russ Hodges	Club Caravan	Tony Wakeman	Two on a Clue
:30	News for Schools	Women in White	Johnny Neblett	" "	All Sports Parade	Young Dr. Malone
:45	Ladies Be Seated	Church Hymns	Russ Hodges	" "	Tony Wakeman	Perry Mason
3 :00	Morton Downey	American Woman	News, Compton	WINX News	All Sports Parade	Mary Marlin
:15	Shool	Ma Perkins	Russ Hodges	I For Two	Tony Wakeman	Tena and Tim
:30	Accent on Music	Pepper Young's Family	The Smoothies	" " "	All Sports Parade	Janice Grey
:45	" "	Right to Happiness	Russ Hodges	" " "	Tony Wakeman	News for Women
4 :00	District Band	Backstage Wife	Walter Compton	News; Concert Mod.	All Sports Parade	Service Time
:15	Accent on Music	Stella Dallas	Russ Hodges	Concert Moderne	Tony Wakeman	" "
:30	News; Evans	Lorenzo Jones	Zeb Carver's Orch.	Jam for Supper	All Sports Parade	Texas Rangers
:45	Hop Harrigan	Young Widow Brown	Russ Hodges	" "	Tony Wakeman	" "
5 :00	Terry and Pirates	When a Girl Marries	News, Art Brown	News; Music Hall	Band of the Day	Sing Along Club
:15	Dick Tracy	Portia Faces Life	Brown at the Organ	Music Hall	Sinatra vs. Crosby	Evelyn Winters
:30	Jack Armstrong	Just Plain Bill	Superman	" "	News; Theater	News; Band
:45	Captain Midnight	Front Page Farrell	Tom Mix	" "	of the Air	Stump Us
6 :00	News; Optimists	News; Leif Eid	Russ Hodges	WINX News	News; Melody Lane	Mahoney, Costello
:15	Earl Godwin	Musicade	News, Walter Compton	Dinner Music	Melody Lane	Edwin C. Hill
:30	Martin Agronsky	Dutch Bergman	Johnson Family	Hollywood News	Richard Eaton	6:30 Show
:45	Walter Kiernan	Lowell Thomas	Russ Hodges	World and America	All Sports Parade	News; J. Harsch
7 :00	Blue Correspond'nts	Perry Como	Fulton Lewis, jr.	WINX News	Romantic Rendezvous	I Love a Mystery
:15	At Home & Abroad	News of the World	Today in History	Pop Concert	Roosevelt Hotel Orch.	Music That Satisfies
:30	Dream House	Everything	Hoagy Carmichael	Charles Pergler	Talking Pictures	American
:45	" "	for the Boys	" "	Dance Time	Bible Question Box	Melody Hour
8 :00	Ted Malone	Johnny Presents	News, F. Singiser	News, Motoring	Red Cross Program	Big Town
:15	Lum 'n' Abner	Ginny Simms	Sunny Skylar	Capitol Motoring	Soldiers With Coupons	" "
:30	Allan Young Show	Date With Judy	Roy Rogers Show	Harmony Hall	News; 1450 Club	Theater of Romance
:45	" "	" "	" "	" "	1450 Club	; News
9 :00	Gracie Fields	Mystery Theater	News; G. Heatter	News; Symphony	" "	Burns and Allen
:15	" "	" "	Real Life Stories	Symphony Hour	" "	" "
:30	Spotlight Bands	Fibber McGee and	American Forum	" "	News; 1450 Club	This Is My Best
:45	(Frankie Masters)	Molly	Of the Air	" "	1450 Club	" "
10 :00	Ray. Gram Swing	Bob Hope	" " "	News, Music	News; Great Scott	Service to the Front
:15	Andy Russell	" "	Paul Schubert; News	Places to Go	Great Scott	" "
:30	Let Yourself Go	Hildegarde	World's Most	Close Harmony	" "	Congress Speaks
:45	" "	" "	Honored Music	Treasury Salute	" "	Behind the Scenes
11 :00	News; Evans	News; Music	News, Billy Repaid	News; Music	" "	News; Daly and Howe
:15	Hour of Dreams	Richard Harkness	Fulton Lewis, jr.	Musical Roundup	" "	Arch McDonald's
:30	" " "	Words at War	Louis Armstrong's	Weather; Music	News; Hits of the Day	"Moondial"
:45	" " "	" " "	Orchestra	Slumber Music	Hits of the Day	Let's Listen

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AYE, AYE, SIR.
AT ONE AIRFIELD IN INDIA...
HOW SHOULD I KNOW WHAT'S IN THEM TRANSPORTS? THE BOSS SAID A DOUBLE GUARD —SO A DOUBLE GUARD THEY GET!
AND AT ANOTHER...
THAT ENSIGN SUNDAY KICKS A P-51 AROUND WELL ENOUGH TO PLEASE EVEN AN OLD ARMY BIZZER LIKE FLIP CORKIN!

MARY WORTH

MRS. WORTH?--THIS IS MONICA!--I WONDER IF YOU COULD PACK MY SMALL BAG AND BRING IT TO THE STUDIO... WITHIN AN HOUR--?
I---I'VE DECIDED TO GO TO PARIS WITH RAOUL--!
SHE MAKES NO REPLY!---PERHAPS THE CONNECTION HAS BEEN BROKEN---?
HAVEN'T YOU ANYTHING TO--- --TO TELL ME, MRS. WORTH?
NO, MONICA--I'VE NOTHING MORE TO SAY!

MICKEY FINN

I'M SO GLAD TOM WAS ABLE TO BE WITH US FOR CHRISTMAS, FLOSSIE! AND HE THINKS HE'LL BE HOME AGAIN FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE?
YES, MRS. FINN! —B-BUT I'M AFRAID THAT'LL BE THE LAST LEAVE HE'LL GET—T-THIS TIME!
WHAT'S THE NAME OF THE NEW SUB THAT TOM IS GOING TO BE ON, MICHAEL?
THE USS CAPITAINE! IT'S NAMED AFTER A TROPICAL FISH! BUT UNCLE PHIL—
—YOU KNOW HOW I HOPED TO BE SHOWING OFF WITH TOM— SO LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THE NAVY! I-I—
OH, OH! THERE'S THE FRONT DOORBELL! I'LL SEE WHO IT IS!
HELLO, MR. FINN!
MATTHEW MAZOOMA!

MYRTLE

HEY, MOM! LOOK WHAT SAMPSON GOT FOR CHRISTMAS!
KLOMP! KLOMP!
THEY'RE BIG, SO HE WON'T OUTGROW 'EM BEFORE HIS NEXT SHOE COUPON COMES DUE!
GEE, MOM, ISN'T SANTA CLAUS THOUGHTFUL!
KLOMP KLOMP!

DIXIE DUGAN

I'D LIKE TO HAVE YOU DESIGN DRESSES FOR MY STORE.
WELL—YOU SEE I'VE JUST STARTED MY OWN LITTLE DRESSMAKING BUSINESS—
I CAN ASSURE YOU YOU'LL BE MUCH HAPPIER DESIGNING DRESSES FOR BEETLE'S BARGAIN BASEMENT THAN SLAVING OVER A SEWING MACHINE ALL DAY—
WHAT DO YOU THINK, DEAR?
IT'S SOMETHING TO CONSIDER, MA—WHY DON'T YOU SLEEP ON IT
YOUR DAUGHTER IS RIGHT, MRS. DUGAN BUT THEN NO WONDER SHE'S SMART—AFTER ALL, LOOK AT HER MOTHER
TOMORROW IT IS THEN??
YES, PLEASE

DON WINSLOW

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS DAY HAS PASSED...WE HAVE OUR FREEDOM...NOW BACK TO OTHER LABORS!
BUT, DON, YOU ARE NOT FREE....AT LEAST NOT YET!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WE MUST NOT FURTHER DISTRESS THESE UNFORTUNATES. COME OUTSIDE AND I'LL TELL YOU!
THE RED PALM HAS.... ORDERED YOU TO KILL WINSLOW...BUT THE BLOOD-STAINED DOVE LOST HER NERVE...SO I'M THE ONE TO DO THE JOB...NOW HANDS UP BOTH OF YOU!
12-26-44

CHIEF WAHOO and STEVE ROPER

IS THERE A-A CLUE IN THE PICTURE YOU TOOK OF HOWELL HALL THE DAY FATHER-- DIED, STEVE?
YES, JOANNE! —FOOTPRINTS!
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THE CAMPUS IS COVERED WITH DEAD GRASS--!
AN' PITCHER WAS MADE TOO LATE IN DAY FOR TRACKS IN FROST!
IT'S WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL A FREAK OF PHOTOGRAPHY ---YOU SEE--!
EXCUSE ME! THERE'S THE DOOR BELL!

WINNIE WINKLE

FATHER HARDLY NOTICED THE BABIES OR THEIR TOYS THIS CHRISTMAS
HE'S BEEN SO BUSY WITH TH' OLD JUNK HE GOT BACK, HE HASN'T NOTICED ANYONE!!
CHOO CHOO BAM BAM
OH, BOY! DID I PUT ONE OVER ON MAW! SHE THREW OUT MY OLD HEIRLOOMS AN' I GOT 'EM ALL BACK...
WELL, IF PAW DIDN'T NOTICE BABIE'S TOYS BEFORE--- HE'LL NOTICE 'EM NOW!!

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

I WRITE MYSTERIES FOR A HOBBY; SO I KNOW THINGS LOOK BAD FOR ME... BUT I DIDN'T KILL PINKY!
UH, HUH! UH, HUH!
WAIT HERE, DESIRE... I'LL BE BACK AFTER JACKSON'S LOCKED UP!
I BELIEVE I'LL REST IN MY OFFICE BEFORE I START THE DRIVE HOME, DESIRE!
OF COURSE, PRUE!
NOW I HAVE TO GET RID OF PRUE! BUT HOW CAN I MAKE IT LOOK LIKE JACKSON KILLED HER?

DONALD DUCK

THE SEA HOUND

CAPTAIN SILVER'LL FIND YOUR FATHER, MARIE!
BUT HE IS UNARMED, JERRY--- AND IF THERE ARE NAZI AGENTS INSIDE THAT PLACE..
11-28
DOOR'S UNLOCKED, FLETCHA!
IN A MOMENT HE'LL BE OUR PRISONER!

JOE PALOOKA

HULLO, HONEY—
LISSEN, YA SAWED OFF SEA-GOIN' LITTLE OCTAPUSS—
—AN' SO'S GRUMPOPSKI A BUM. AN' PLEASE DON'T BE BOTHERIN' ME. I HAVE MET A HANDSOME MARINE WHICH I AM NOW AFFINANCED TO. HE SAT NEXT TWE AT THE SO-CALLED FIGHT WHICH I ATTENDED. PLEASE SCRAM!!
SO THAT'S TH' KINDA DOUBLE CROSSIN' BUM YA ARE—
LATER THAT AFTERNOON
HEY—LOOK WHO'S COMIN', YOU TAKE TH' BIG ONE AN' I'LL TAKE TH' OTHER GUY.
LET'S DUCK 'EM, JERRY, I DON'T WANT ANY FIGHTS.

SUPERMAN

CLARK PROMISED NOT TO TELL A SOUL THAT I'VE INHERITED $3,000,000 IF I MARRY WITHIN TEN DAYS-...
OF COURSE THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD STORY FOR A SCOOP-LOVING NEWSPAPER MAN TO KEEP-...
MIND WATCHING THE SWITCHBOARD, MAISIE, WHILE I SNEAK OUT FOR COFFEE?
OKAY, SUSIE— BUT I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT IT, YOU KNOW.
CONNECT ME WITH CLARK KENT'S DESK, PLEASE.
—I'D BETTER MAKE SURE CLARK HASN'T FORGOTTEN HIS PROMISE!
12-26

JANE ARDEN

12-26
WE'VE ENOUGH CLUES NOW TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED—
SUZIE—THOSE CIGARETTES SHOW THE MURDERER WAITED AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME—
MUST HAVE HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH STARK SMITH—
AND THERE WERE TWO SHOTS—
ONE EMPTY CARTRIDGE AND ONE EMPTY CHAMBER IN THE GUN— THAT MEANS SOMETHING—
THAT BLUE SILK THREAD CAUGHT IN THE GUN PUZZLES ME— I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IT MEANS
DON'T BORROW TROUBLE!

NAPOLEON

Mexican Plan for Meeting Of Foreign Ministers Favored

By the United Press

The United States and a majority of the Latin merican republics favor a consultative meeting of American foreign ministers, but oppose issuing an invitation to Argentina, it was disclosed last night.

All of the republics except Argentina and El Salvador have been consulted on Mexico's proposal to hold an inter-American meeting on the Argentina situation as well as on postwar organization problems.

The State Department has received replies from 16 of the 18 other nations consulted, it was said. All but two were i favor of the Mexican formula, which was a counterproposal to Argentina's original request for a meeting to consider Argentine foreign policy.

It is considered significant that George S. Messersmith, United States Ambassador to Mexico, is here for consultations and had a long talk with President Roosevelt last week.

It is understood that Mexico's proposal for a meeting, however, suggests that it not be held immediately. The Mexicans favor postponing it for some time in the hope that something will "turn up" to remove some of the friction between the United States and other republics on one hand and Argentina on the other.

The question of such a meeting will be one of the major jobs new Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, jr., will have to tackle as soon as the holidays are over and his new assistants move into their offices. There have been no group meetings with the Latin American Ambassadors here on the Dumbarton Oaks proopsals since Nelson A. Rockefeller was nominated and confirmed Assistant Secretary of State in charge of Latin American affairs.

Officials here emphasize that nothing has happened in Argentina or elsewhere to chance this Natio's "hanrd" attitude toward Argetina. Stettinius is expected to follow the line already laid down by Cordell Hull, and it was predicted that at least the resignation or fall from power of the present Argentine regime would be necessary before the United States will reconsider its policy of nonrecognition.

Bloom Urges U. S To Forget Trade In Making Treaty

Representative Sol Bloom (D., N. Y.), House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman, warned Friday that a "dollar sign" on the peace treaty would promote another world war.

The 74-year-old New Yorker said that "for a few days, at this Christmas-tide, we talk of peace on earth to men of good will," but he declared:

"If we really wish world peace—not merely an armistice—we must approach the treaty table with the desire to make people happy—not with the idea of enslaving millions."

"For once," Bloom urged, "let us make a treaty without thinking of trade. A treaty is one thing—a trade pact something else. Let's make a peace with the dollar-sign left off."

Hugo, county seat of Choctaw County, Okla., was named by Mrs. W. H. Darrough, whose husband surveyed the original townsite, in honor of Victor Hugo, her favorite author.

Twins Who Saw Mother Slay Dad Spend Forlorn Christmas

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 25 (U.P.)—The 7-year-old Lorentsen twins opened their presents and sat down to a turkey dinner today. But the toys brought no gleam to their eyes and they pushed their plates away.

They just sat there in a strange, quiet house—a little boy and a little girl, asking every oncein a while about their mother.

For the Christmas Eve that had started as such a happy one for Anna and Arthur Lorentsen turned into a night of terror. They had seen their mother, Petra, run screaming down the stairs of their home and kill their father with a hatchet.

After the slaying, the 39-year-old Mrs. Lorentsen, home for the holiday from a tuberculosis sanatorium,, took the children on a ferryboat ride to the Tacoma waterfront. She told police she wanted to kill the children, too.

"I guess I lost my nerve when I tried to push them into the water," she said.

A few hours later she and the children arrived at the home of a neighbor, Mrs. John Carlsen, to spend Christmas Eve. When the neighbor asked about her husband, Nick, Mrs. Lorentsen hysterically exclaimed: "I chopped him! I chopped him!" Police found the body on the floor of the blood-spattered kitchen.

At city jail, Mrs. Lorentsen said she killed her husband, a former tavern owner, "because he was drunk all the time and abused the kids."

So today Anna and Arthur sat with Mrs. Carlsen—their toys unused under a small Christmas tree.

The President's flag consists of the President's seal in bronze, upon a blue background, with a white star in each corner.

Even Pigeons Fly Faster

Huron, S. Dak. (U.P.) — Things move faster in the Army—or at least the pigeons do, says Pvt. Harlan E. Waldner of Huron. While home on a furlough, the 19-year-old soldier told friends that many of the pigeons he trains for the Signal Corps at Fort Jackson, S. C., fly more than 300 miles an hour. Before joining the Army, the South Dakotan had a flock of 200 carrier pigeons as a hobby. None of them flew faster than 250 miles an hour.

Hospital Heads Pitch In

Chicago (U.P.)—The board of directors of Michael Reese Hospital believe that Sherman was right. Because of the help shortage they have bought overalls and now spend evenings and Sundays dusting, filling fire extinguishers and doing miscellaneous cleaning

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HE WENT over the mountains to hack himself out some security. All he took along was a rifle, an axe, a bag of salt, a sack of meal—and a whale of a lot of faith in himself and in this country.

"Tarnation fool," said the wiseacres. "That Louisiana Purchase he raves about has no future. All it's fit for is raisin' snakes and malaria."

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But great, great grandpa lived to see more men push west. Saw men crowd the Missouri country, push on over other mountains—saw a continent spiked with railroads—saw it settled.

"That's all," said the wiseacres. "America can't expand any more."

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They've said it every year since. They said it as little businesses sprang up all over the country, making more jobs for more people.

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They said it louder than ever in the Great Depression when they declared this country had a "mature" economy. No use trying to grow any more. Might as well divvy up what we have. And America, bombed into war by the Japs, answered with the greatest burst of creative activity the world had ever seen.

And now the Jeremiahs are saying it again—saying we'll never be able to use in peace years our war-created capacities to give more Americans more of the good things of life.

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Great, great grandpa would laugh himself sick to think that we could still be taken in by such prophecy.

"America's not a piece of geography," he'd roar. "It's a state of mind! You can't cramp 'er, nor restrict 'er, nor keep 'er from growing. She'll never be full-grown!"

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Right now we have the greatest productive capacity in all history. Much of it was built for war—and will have to be rebuilt for peace.

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